





GEORGIA STATE PARK

VIEWS

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1962

Today

With every rising of the Sun
Think of your life as just begun.

The Past has cancelled and buried deep
All Yesterdays. There let them sleep.

Concern yourself with but Today.
Grasp it, and teach it to obey

Your will and plan. Since time began
Today has been the friend of man.

You and Today! A soul sublime
And the great heritage of time.

With God Himself to bind the twain,
Go forth, brave heart! Attain! Attain!

Our sincere thanks to
the unknown author

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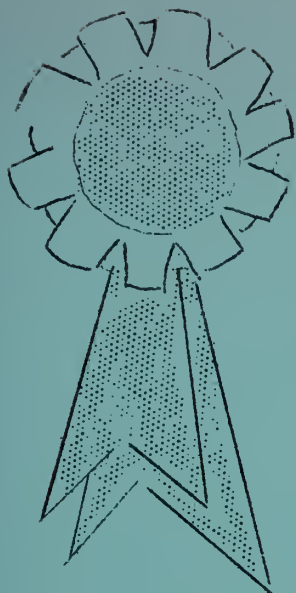


H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !!

As we come to the beginning of another year, let us think back over the past and be thankful for what we have and the progress that the Department has made in providing the citizens of Georgia with more and better park facilities.

The year 1961 has been one in which many projects were started and completed. As 1962 begins, we are glad to make a New Year's resolution to try even harder to fulfill the goals of keeping Georgia State Parks among the top in the nation.





10-year Faithful Service Award
Certificates

ROBERT H. RIGGEN
Hard Labor Creek State Park

GRAHAM MORRIS
General Office, Atlanta

EWART G. HINSON
Little Ocmulgee State Park

RALPH W. GLOVER
Chehaw State Park

CLAYTON H. MORGAN
Laura S. Walker State Park

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W. S. FRICKS
Fort Yargo State Park

THOMAS E. DARDEN
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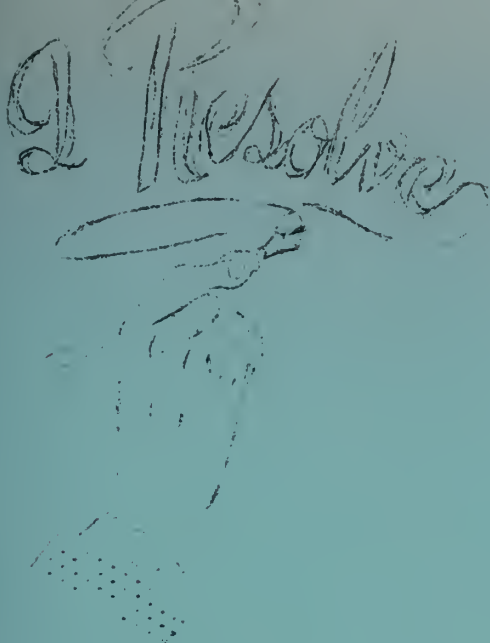
The Department of State Parks is very proud to have had the opportunity to present Service Award Certificates to some of its personnel. The following members of our staff received these certificates:

15-year Faithful Service Award
Certificates

LUNNIE EARL ASTIN
Hard Labor Creek State Park

THOMAS DODSON CARTER
Hard Labor Creek State Park

MRS. CLARA J. CAMERON
General Office, Atlanta



A NEW START

I will start anew this morning
 with a higher fairer creed;
 I will cease to stand complaining
 of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
 I will cease to sit repining
 while my duty's call is clear;
 I will waste no moment whining,
 and my heart shall know no fear.
 I will look sometimes about me
 for the things that merit praise;
 I will search for hidden beauties
 that elude the grumbler's gaze.
 I will try to find contentment
 in the paths that I must tread;
 I will cease to have resentment
 when another moves ahead.
 I will not be swayed by envy
 when my rival's strength is shown;
 I will not deny his merit,
 but I'll strive to prove my own;
 I will try to see the beauty
 spread before me, rain or shine;
 I will cease to preach your duty,
 and be more concerned with mine.

Travelers in Georgia who are interested, and those who are just plain curious, can watch salvage crews busily at work on the Chattahoochee River on a project to bring the old Confederate ironclad Muscogee to the surface so she can be preserved in a naval museum at Columbus.

During the war, this ship boosted the Southerners' hope to such a degree that one Confederate officer wrote his sweetheart: "She will be very formidable, will mount five heavy guns, each capable of whipping a fleet of Yankees. You may rest perfectly secure now."

She was begun in 1863, but there was delay, and in 1864 this officer wrote that he had visited Navy Secretary Mallory to encourage him to complete her. It was not done before Wilson's raiders swept through in April 26, 1865, and fire put an end to the vessel.

The project for her recovery, backed by a \$25,000 state appropriation, is moving along. Already a 20-foot fantail section has been raised.

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THE U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY at Annapolis, Md., recently was presented a set of Southern Crosses by the Washington Division of the U. D. C., in memory of Admiral Raphael Semmes, the Confederate who scourged the seas in the C.S.S. Sumter and the C.S.S. Alabama during the first three years of the war.

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Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River, with a total area of 58,876 square miles.

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THREE WISHES

A fairy allows me three wishes,
Three wishes for a friend;
Now, honest and true, that must
be you,
So three to you I send.

I wish you a body so healthy
That living is pure delight;
Your work every day like happy
play;
Your sleep like a child's at
night.

I wish you a mind so responsive
That nothing escapes your ken;
The Creator's plan, nor the notes
of Pan,
Nor the good in your fellow men.

I wish you a heart prone to loving,
That all may be dear to you;
Your friends indeed, all those
you need,
And those who need you, too.

I've wished you my three best
wishes,
But the three are really one;
God grant you wealth - just
perfect health,
Until your day is done.

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FACE THE SUN

Alexander the Great's horse,
fearless in battle, had to be
tethered facing the sun. It was
afraid of its shadow.

So, too, with man. We are a
curious blend. Of faith and fear,
of hope and gloom, of strength and
weakness. And yet, the choice is
ours. Look backward...seeing only
where we failed...we dwell in
doubt and shadow. Look forward...
face the sun...and each new day
becomes a welcomed challenge.

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Dear Mr. Collier,

I wish to express my apprecia-
tion to the Department of State
Parks for the 10-year Service Award
Certificate sent me last Wednesday.

I have enjoyed my years of
work here at Little Ocmulgee State
Park, and I trust I shall be able
to serve quite a few years to come.

With best wishes to all for a
very Happy Christmas Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ewart G. Hinson
McRae, Ga.

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W E L C O M E !!

MR. PETER PALMER has joined
our office staff as the State Parks
draftsman. We hope that he will
enjoy working to improve our many
State Parks.

Welcome to the staff,
Mr. Palmer.

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Georgia was a leader in providing
higher learning at public expense,
and was the first to charter a
state university - the University
of Georgia in 1785.

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DeSoto, in 1540, 80 years before
the landing of the Pilgrims, was
the first known white explorer to
traverse Georgia's Indian trails.

PARK NEWS

ARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

uring the month of November, we had
ne following groups using our Group
amps. (This was actually on the
ast weekend in October but not
ncluded in our last report.)

First Methodist Older Youth,
Atlanta, Ga.

Westminster Fellowship of Decatur
Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ga.

Senior Class, Tucker High School,
Tucker, Ga.

we had a total of 195 Camper days.

we also had a total of 28 Tent and
0 Trailer Camper days during the
month.

Five B.S.A. troops did Pioneer
camping, with a total of 94 Camper
days.

Our total attendance for the month
is 2419. Since it was nice and
warm with very little rain, we had
3 different school, church and
family groups use our Day Use
facilities.

we enjoyed seeing everyone at our
In-Service Training Program and
specially enjoyed Josie's deli-
cious food and George's wonderful
hospitality.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK
Submitted by F. H. Hill, Supt.

we want to thank the Department for
the 4 new grills I received last
Monday. They will sure make a
great improvement to our shelters.
We have been doing a lot of improve-
ment to the grounds in my park.
We are having a lot of rain out here.

VICTORIA BRYANT (continued)

I have not had much attendance for
the last month; mostly just sight-
seers. We have had two rainy Sun-
days in a row. Sunday is about the
only time I have many people out
this time of year.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK
Submitted by C. H. Morgan, Supt.

Just a few events will keep us in
the news this month, otherwise we
would be blank.

We were proud to raise our flag to
half mast on December 7th in honor
of those whose watery graves will
never be changed in our lifetime at
Pearl Harbor.

In a ceremony befitting, we des-
troyed - by burning - 3 of our old
U.S. flags.

To all of you Park personnel who
have investments in gum farming -
you should have seen the demonstra-
tion put on here before approxi-
mately 400 people. It is a mechan-
ical chipper for naval stores. This
gadget would chip 25 trees and put
the acid on, too, in 3 minutes.
Virgin pine, yes sir. And I don't
want any of you people telling me
next year in Cordele that you can
beat that. A fine Bar-B-Q was
served with cold drinks and coffee.
No, we did not make a dime. But we
did meet some people from all
across the country.

We have had 2 large hay rides from
Waycross High School - at night,
of course.

Three troops of Boy Scouts have
been the recipients of our fine
Pioneer Camp site. We sho' did
read the riot act prior to their
detrucking.

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Just received two new lawn mowers, four iron stoves, the necessary supplies to put another picnic shed in good working order -- water and lights, and all of our supplies for next summer's business, plus the reflector paint and eight new wooden tables.

Mrs. Steedley fell and broke her knee cap in about three places but is home now and on crutches. This did not break into MR. Steedley's hunting and fishing trips.

Since our house sits back from the highway approximately 200 yards, we decorated a large cedar tree directly in front with most glaring and "come hither" lights we could find. And it is a beauty. We are glad to lend a little spirit for Christmas in our community in the way of a tree.

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK
Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Thought you might like to print this in the next park paper;

QUOTATION

I asked God for Strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for Health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for Riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for Power, that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for All Things that I might enjoy life; I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed!

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SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Submitted by E. C. Johnson, Supt.

I think that a very easy way to put on wood stain or creosote would be to take a mop and cut about half of it off - that gets you farther away from the creosote and it doesn't burn you as badly. As for staining wood, you can do a neat job with a mop.

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LOUISIANA: A tourist business of \$1 billion a year was envisioned by state and tourist officials of Louisiana.

Secretary of State Wade O. Martin, Jr. asserted that tourism is the cheapest way possible to increase the state's economy.

"Those who benefit are many," he said in addressing a joint meeting in New Orleans of the tourism committee of the Louisiana legislature and the board of directors of the Lovely Louisiana Tourist Association.

Martin said tourism now means about \$547 million a year to Louisiana. Pointing out that competition in the field is tough, he said, "We must take advantage of what we have here in Louisiana. We can compete with Florida and other places."

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A third of all monumental granite used in the nation is produced in Georgia.



THE AMERICAN DREAM

"The watchers on the ramparts of destiny hold an informed and imperishable faith that this vast experiment with humanity on the earth shall be triumphantly justified."

America is young. We must not believe America has reached her zenith. Decline and fall must not be her lot. The role of this nation in the future of mankind can be glorious and great - but only with great leadership. The strength of a nation is the strength of its people. The strength of a people lies in their integrity, their vision, their faith - not in their material possessions.

The American Dream, as envisioned by the youth of America, is a dream of a new American Way of Life.

This new American way of life will be an abundant life, but the abundance will be of things social and ethical and spiritual; not just more new and finer cars or more new and shinier things of any kind; but better health, greater educational and cultural opportunities, freedom from vice, debasing influences and racial hatred, and the freedom to grow and to dream still greater dreams.

The young people of America could, with the right leadership, become God's chosen people to lead humanity out of a morass of confusion and a quagmire of hatred and fear. This kind of leadership, however, will not come from an adult generation that spends more money on liquor and gambling than on education and religion.

Are we selling the youth of America short with our emphasis on material values and on pleasure at any cost, even the cost of character? Is there in our American life no "moral equivalent" for war? Is there no great CAUSE to capture the imagination and fire the enthusiasm of American youth? Is America, at this critical moment, a country without a cause? Is this an era in American history without a challenge?

Each great epoch in history has produced a great leader. Will the leader of the next great epoch be an American? What are we doing to develop such a leader?

THE AMERICAN DREAM (continued)

Men of destiny who have shaped the course of history have been men of great personal power, not great wealth. Moses, St. Paul, Martin Luther, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi - these were men of great personal power, a power which evidently emanated from their spiritual concept of life.

Have we forgotten that moral strength is still the true measure of a man and of a nation?

The crises this nation must face during the next two decades will call for a leadership greater than this nation has yet known.

---from A.C.A.
by C. Walton Johnson

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New Positions Given in NPS

The addition of three assistant directors in the Washington Office of the National Park Service was announced recently by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Hall. The move is part of plans to strengthen the organizational structure of the Service to meet the rapidly increasing needs for parks and recreational areas.

The three new appointees, all veteran park men, will be in charge of new program areas of Public Affairs, Resource Planning and Design and Construction. In the administrative shifts, no vacancies have been created and no recruiting is contemplated. The moves are part of a current re-examination of the National Park Service administrative structure, which has been little changed since a 1953 reorganization.

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The first Protestant Sunday school in America was founded in Savannah.

KENTUCKY: A record \$280 million was spent by tourists in Kentucky in 1960, according to announcement by Charles Warnick, state director of tourist and travel promotion.

He told the Kentucky Tourist and Travel Advisory Committee that the figure was \$11 million higher than in 1959, when the first travel business survey was made in the state.

The survey was conducted by Lewis C. Copeland of the department of statistics at the University of Tennessee.

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Georgia contains the largest area of private woodlands of any of the states. Of her 37½ million acres, approximately 23 million are woodlands, and in 1953 the state ranked first in newly-planted timber acreage.

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In South Georgia, it is possible to obtain vegetables from gardens every month in the year, if a variety of seeds suited to the seasons are planted.

GEORGIA'S ECONOMY

HOW RAPIDLY MAY WE EXPECT THE GEORGIA ECONOMY TO GROW IN THE PERIOD 1960-1970?

Assuming that there is no significant change in the international situation, that practically all the people wanting work find employment, migration loss continues to drop, educational level continues to rise, and that we move with alacrity to solve some of the State's most pressing developmental problems, total nonagricultural employment should rise 30 percent; population 18 percent; and personal income in current prices on the projection date, 72 percent.

Projections for four major areas of the State's economy are:

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1970</u>
Nonagricultural Employment (thousands)	1,041	1,161	1,355
Population (thousands)	3,955	4,203	4,658
Personal Income (billions)	\$6.4	\$8.2	\$11.0
Retail Sales (billions)	\$4.1	\$5.3	\$7.1

The rate of growth from 1960 to 1965 should continue about like 1955 to 1960. From 1965 to 1970 an upsurge is anticipated from the sudden rise of 35 percent in number of young people maturing into the labor force and by a flood of new products, processes, and equipment entering the market.

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STATE PARKS



THE SOUND OF AMERICA

OUT OF DOORS



CHARLES A. OGDEN

Director



BARBARA RANKIN

EDITOR

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Gentlemen:

During our recent trip through the Southern States, we took advantage of your many State Parks.

There was one in particular which we felt deserved a special note of praise. It was the Laura S. Walker State Park at Waycross, Ga.

We were very impressed with the cleanliness of the rest rooms and of the camp grounds.

Ranger C. S. Steedley made our short stay most pleasant with his friendliness and courtesy. He was a true example of "Southern Hospitality."

On our next trip to this section of the country, we are making it a point to stop at Laura S. Walker Park again.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. David Brest
and children
Lorain, Ohio

A SIMPLE SOLUTION

There is one in particular which much of the unemployment today is a result of the selfish feeling of "What can I get," instead of having the feeling of "What can I give (or do) that others want." Reduced to the most understandable form, the only commodity any one person has to sell, exchange or give away is service, and the simplest way for any one to better his lot is to do a lot better. A true example of "Southern Hospitality." ---The Right Hand

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WASHINGTON

Long are the years since he fell asleep
Where the Potomac flows gently by,
There where Mount Vernon's green stretches sweep
Under the blue Virginia sky.
Warrior and statesman and patriot true,
Well had he wielded both sword and pen,
Truly, they said as they laid him to rest,
"First in the hearts of his countrymen."
Long are the years - and the land he loved
Stands among nations, grown strong and great;
True to his vision of long ago,
Proud of the hand that so shaped her fate,
Time but adds splendor to fame so fair,
Years but test greatness - and now as then,
Sleeps he in peace on Mount Vernon's hill,
"First in the hearts of his countrymen."

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Sincerely,
Mr. J. L. Davis
and children

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A SIMPLE SOLUTION
There was one particular which
I noted in the course of our trip
which was the feeling of "What can I give (or
do) for the benefit of the South?"
The answer was not far to seek. It was
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It is said that, "all men are born equal," but the man of genius who is willing to develop his talents in the proper direction, does not remain long on equality with men of slothful habits.

---Abraham Lincoln

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ACA CAMP CONSULTATION CONFERENCE

A Camp Consultation Conference was called by the Regional Chairman of the ACA. This was held on January 5th - the first of its kind ever held. There were representatives from State, Federal and private agencies in attendance from seven southeastern states.

There was a wonderful exchange of ideas and plans for the future in the field of camping.

The Georgia Department of State Parks wishes to thank Herman Popkin, Regional Chairman, for his outstanding work in making this possible.

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FLORIDA ACQUIRES 36th STATE PARK

Koreshan State Park, an area of approximately 300 acres of gardens and grounds has been deeded to the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials by the Koreshan Unity, a small religious group. It is located near Estero.

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HISTORIC SITE LEASED BY SO. CAROLINA

An area of 30 acres to be known as Old Dorchester Historical Park has been leased recently by the South Carolina Commission of Forestry, Division of State Parks. It is the site of the colonial town of Dorchester, settled in 1695.

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NORTH CAROLINA

An increase of nearly one million visitors from out-of-state to North Carolina in 1961 was estimated by Dr. Lewis C. Copeland, who conducts annual surveys for the Travel Council of North Carolina.

Preliminary figures indicate that 25,300,000 persons visited North Carolina last year, with the following six states providing the largest number of tourists, in order: Virginia, Tennessee, GEORGIA, South Carolina, Ohio and Florida.

Dr. Copeland said 94 per cent visited by auto, with 2.29 tourists per car. The average length of stay was two days and average expenditure \$5 per visitor per day.

The council said both length of stay and expenditure averages are low because so many out-of-state visitors cross North Carolina en route to other destinations and do not stay overnight.

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HARD LABOR CREEK (continued)

I wish to take this opportunity to express appreciation for myself, Mr. Lunnie E. Astin and Mr. Robert H. Rigger to Mr. Collier for the Faithful Service Award Certificates recently presented to each of us.

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GEORGIA VETERANS MEMO. STATE PARK
Submitted by George Greene, Supt.

The recent cold spell has put our camping and picnic areas back in moth balls for awhile. Our low so far has been about 15 degrees. That doesn't sound very cold to you mountaineers, but it sure is low enough for us.

Our thanks to Miss Rankin for the fact that our Museum is progressing at a steady gait. Harold Hunter and Joe Mealer have installed the glass doors of the display cases and presently are working on a panorama of flags from the 27 nations which were allied with us in World War I and II. They also have erected a charcoal drawing (approximately 25' long) which depicts the fierce battle at Spottsylvania, Virginia in May 1864 - an epic fight of approximately twenty hours which resulted in the Northern Army's receiving over seventeen and a half thousand casualties, and a similar number to the Confederates.

The railing on the balcony has been rebuilt, and new tile installed on the balcony and museum floors.

Painting in the museum is now complete, and the walls have been covered with cemesto board. Spud Sinclair is presently insulating the restaurant walls, and both of these rooms are to be air conditioned in the very near future.

We are making a much needed addition to the sanitary facilities at

the Tackle Box concession.

We have just received a portion of the materials for our new comfort station - and look forward to its completion by May 1st.

This season should be the heaviest yet - and we are glad to be getting in shape to accommodate a record number of visitors.

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BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK
Submitted by M. B. Andrews, Supt.

Beginning the New Year 1962, we have in our Park, 3 picnic shelters with 5 wooden tables under each; also 20 new concrete tables, 2 cook grills and 1 new 21" lawn mower.

At present we have 10 tent mounds, a picnic shelter and 15 tables on our camping area; also 1 deep well with hand pump.

We feel that much progress has been made in the past year and shall be looking forward to this being the most successful year since the beginning of the park.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK
Submitted by W. S. Fricks, Supt.

Everything here at Fort Yargo is at a standstill. With so much bad weather and bad roads, we aren't having any visitors. Everything is covered in snow at present.

We have been hearing quite a bit of enthusiastic talk over the prospect of work starting soon on our dam and the park in general. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire park personnel a belated Happy New Year.

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LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK
Submitted by Lee Willcox, Supt.

We were very much impressed with the publication "Georgia's State Parks and their Progress." Congratulations to Barbara on a fine job. Since all of our progress has been listed in it, we will not mention them again. However, we do want to say that we are proud of the things that have been finished and are pleased with the progress we are making on the other projects.

Highway 441 on which our park is located has been closed since before Christmas so most of our visitors have been local people. We had a number of Christmas parties in the clubhouse. We hope the road will be open by March when the tourists start back north. They will have a fine road to travel on. It will be 4 feet wider and resurfaced. So come to see us and try out our new road when it is completed.

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ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARK
Submitted by J. F. Fortson, Supt.

Things have been rather quiet around Elijah Clark due to the extremely cold and rainy weather. However, we have managed to plant more shrubbery and rye grass. The concession building is being enlarged in order to add more rest-room space.

Many of our last summer campers have been back to see how we are getting along. They all have expressed a desire to camp with us the coming season.

The park is growing each year. As one doctor stated, "Elijah Clark Park is the biggest attraction in northeast Georgia during the summer months."

UNICOI STATE PARK
Submitted by Lat Vandiver, Supt.

Because of bad weather, not much has been going on at Unicoi since Thanksgiving. In December we had 12 inches of rainfall and the day after Christmas we had our first snowfall. The first of January we had another 4 inches of snow, some of which stayed on the ground until yesterday. We had another 4 inches on top of that one. Today it is impossible to travel without chains.

We have set wild shrubbery in the lawn at the Superintendent's house, also 200 white pines in fills around concession building and cabins, and have assembled 9 tables and varnished them.

We have also opened all 14 septic tanks on the park and pumped out one at Group Camp.

In spite of 32 degree weather and terrific winds, we had two skin divers exploring the bottom of the lake at Unicoi. After spending about one hour, they only complained of "cold hands."

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CHEHAW STATE PARK
Earl Dawson, Supt.

The visitors at Chehaw have a great deal to look forward to in the 1962 season. Many improvements have been made at the Park, such as concession stand remodeled, display shelves and cabinets added, new tent camping area under construction with comfort station, many new concrete picnic tables, and 2 new picnic shelters.

All of these new conveniences make Chehaw Park one of the many parks in the Georgia Park System which are becoming more attractive to Georgia residents as well as to out-of-State visitors.

LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK
Submitted by Clay Morgan, Supt.

After the big freeze - and I do mean BIG - we checked all the water items and found only a few very minor damages, less than \$10. This was by far the worst we have had in this part of Georgia in a long time. Old timers confirm this. The ice was hanging from the building in some places 14" long and stayed with us for three days. The ground was frozen too. During the freeze we had one trailer camper but he stayed only one night and set off for Buffalo.

We recently received two grass cutters, one a 21" cutter for getting under the buildings, and the other a bigger 36" with a sully. We needed these badly and appreciate them so much.

Mr. McGarity visited with us for awhile last week to help lay out the area for two more picnic sheds and to check the area around the sewage disposal plant.

On our "day off" last week, we visited Crooked River State Park and enjoyed talking and eating with the DeLorches. Mr. "D" was full of vinegar as usual. The park was neat and clean and several people were enjoying the playground equipment. I think it helps to visit other parks - always find something new. Our new dock is completed and the lake filled up again after the flood. We have had many compliments from the public in general. The so-called flood really ruined the area around the sewage disposal plant but with a tractor and some hard work we have it back in good condition again and will start planting seed next week.

Our boy finished his first six months of Weather Forecasting School and has been transferred to Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta. We are glad.

We made a short fast trip down South Florida way and, believe me, that \$1.50 per nite for camping has hurt that business. But the officials say the cheap squatters do not spend any money and I believe it is the truth. However, one of the reasons I like my job is the fact that we have so many people from so many different places. It is remarkable how many people I have met at this park that I had seen before at various places and in the service too. I met a couple the other week or so from Halifax, Nova Scotia. In September 1917 hundreds of large boats in the harbor, loaded with high explosives, blew up at Halifax. I sailed in the next morning and saw wreckage for ten miles around and thousands of killed and wounded in the streets. One of these persons was a little girl about 3 years old. She was the wife of the camper. We talked for over an hour. Quite a reminiscence!

I told a man in DeLand, Florida "It was 18 in Waycross, Georgia this morning," and he said, "It was 17 here this morning." I did not mention the weather any more in Florida.

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A. H. STEPHENS STATE PARK
Submitted by T. E. Darden, Supt.

We have installed 5 new grills at tent camping and picnic areas. We also have sent out application blanks for the 1962 camping season. It looks as if we will have another good year.

The beautiful blue velveteen has been received at the Museum for drapes and cases. This will add much to the beauty of the Museum. We are looking forward to better weather and more visitors.

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

It is apparent that this park can look forward to a good season this spring and summer as numerous visitors from Florida and as far as Canada have made inquiries by personal contact as well as by mail as to the facilities of our cabins and camping area.

Recently five concrete tables were delivered here for our picnic and camping area which will be erected soon. Our two new picnic shelters are scheduled to be erected the weekends of January 27 and Feb. 3. We now have in our warehouse four rolls of 1½" plastic tubing which will be laid underground for water mains to our new trailer park area. This is scheduled to be done before our season opening. New water mains and faucets will be run throughout the camping area for the convenience of the campers. Also, electric lines and outlets for lights will be run to new shelters. Our new filter system has been completed and, upon acceptance by State, will be put into operation this season. It is hoped by the superintendent that our swimming pool will receive a new coat of paint before the season starts.

We experienced very little damage to the park by the ice wave in January. Only the electric lines to the picnic shelter and picnic area were knocked down. Other than that, many limbs were broken from the trees and littered the park badly. However, this has been cleaned up by our maintenance man. We were without electricity and phone for three days and nights but this has been corrected by the utility company.

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MANY THANKS for the cooperation from the State Park Superintendents in sending in news this month. Keep up the good work!

PROGRESS REPORT

The Progress Report for 1961 has brought many favorable comments from members of private agencies, heads of State Departments and the Federal Government. Following are just a few of the comments which we received concerning this Report:

Dear Mr. Collier:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your annual report on the state park's operations in Georgia. This is a very colorful and attractive report and we are glad to have it in our files.

May we also take the opportunity in congratulating you on the progress being made in Georgia's State Parks.

C. West Jacocks
State Park Director
S. C. State Commission
of Forestry

Dear Charley:

Thank you for sending me the copy of your annual progress report of your Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961.

This report makes very interesting reading. I have visited practically everyone of these areas, but I had not recognized that there were so many of them in the total number. You have a very important assignment and I hope you are enjoying your work.

With cordial good wishes for 1962,
I am

Sincerely,

Dick R.
(Richard Russell)
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

Thank you very much for the copy of your Annual Progress Report which we have enjoyed reading. The report is extremely well done and illustrates the fine work being done for our state's tourist promotion efforts by the Department of State Parks.

David M. Kippenbrock
Savannah Chamber of
Commerce

Dear Mr. Charlie:

Thank you very much for your nice letter under date of December 28, 1961, and the enclosed annual Progress Report of the Georgia State Parks Department. To me, this Report shows outstanding progress in Georgia and I want to congratulate you on the fine work that you have done.

Ben
(Ben W. Fortson, Jr.)
Secretary of State
Georgia State Capitol

Dear Mr. Collier:

This will acknowledge our appreciation of your sending us your recent Progress Report of the Georgia State Parks Department.

I have today read this report and wish to congratulate you not only on its attractive presentation but also because of the information which presents your accomplishments with the valuable service you are rendering the citizens of Georgia and your out-of-State visitors.

W. A. Coldwell, Director
Florida Board of Parks
and Historic Memorials

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter of December 28 and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the impressive Progress Report of the Georgia State Parks Department. I have looked over it with great interest and commend you and your associates upon your outstanding accomplishments of the year.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you and I hope you will call on me whenever I can serve you in any way.

Herman Talmadge
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of your annual progress report of the Georgia State Parks Department. We are planning a similar report in the fall of 1962, and find that the publication which you have issued has some very splendid ideas which we hope to incorporate into our report.

I agree with you that material of this nature certainly illustrates the point that the taxpayers can find no better place to invest their tax dollars than to the improvement and expansion of its park system.

I have recently returned from a brief visit in your state, at which time we had an opportunity to visit some of your recreation facilities, and were quite impressed with the work you are doing there.

E. D. Chappell, Director
Tennessee State Department
of Conservation and
Commerce

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The above information was obtained from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and is being furnished to you for your information.

Sincerely,
Special Agent in Charge

Dear Mr. Collier:

We wish to commend you and the Department of State Parks on the excellent Annual Report which you enclosed to me January 4.

Georgia's parks are certainly becoming more and more important to Georgia citizens and out-of-State visitors.

Ray Shirley, Director
Georgia State Forestry
Commission

Dear Mr. Collier:

I commend you and other personnel of the Georgia Department of State Parks for the excellent job you have done in the past year and am looking forward to even greater strides in the future.

Please let me know if there is ever any way I can be of assistance to the Parks Department.

Garland T. Byrd
Lieutenant Governor
State of Georgia

TRUE GENIUS

The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges or churches or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors --- but always most in the common people.

---Walt Whitman
"Leaves of Grass"

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I find the world a wondrous place.
A cold wind blowing in my face
Has brought the wild ducks in from
 sea;
God grant the day shall never be
When youth upon a wintery shore
Shall see the mallards come no more!

Fancy an age that sees no more
The mallards winging into shore;
Fancy a youth with all his dreams
That finds no fish within the
 streams.
Our world with life is wondrous
 fair,
God grant we do not strip it bare.

---Edgar A. Guest

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Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers will be for Others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for You
Must needs be done for Others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in heaven begun
May I forget the crown I've won
While thinking still of Others.
Amen.

---Charles D. Meigs

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FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY

When the Athenians finally wanted
not to give to the State, but the
State to give to them, when the
freedom they wished most for was
freedom from responsibility, then
Athens ceased to be free and was
never free again.

---Edith Hamilton

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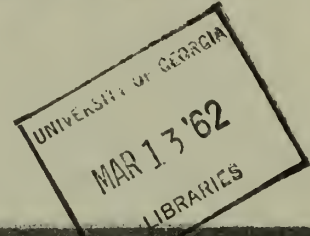
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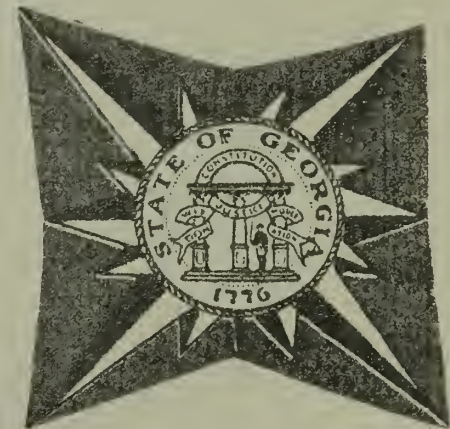
VIEWS



Silver Anniversary 1937-1962

In March 1937 there was established a department known as the Department of Natural Resources with the organization powers and duties defined in Act #103.

The purpose of this Act was for the promotion and development of natural resources of the State, to promote a more profitable use of land, forests and waters, and to provide recreational areas for the people of Georgia.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE PARKS

On March 5, 1937, the Bill creating the Department of Natural Resources was approved by the Governor of Georgia. For this reason, the Department of State Parks this month will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary as a Department serving the people in preserving human and natural resources.

The State Park System was administered by the Department of Forestry and Geology Development until March, 1937. Under this Division and through the cooperation of the National Park Service, CCC Camps were acquired by the summer of 1938 and the Park System included nine State Parks.

In 1943 the Natural Resources Department was abolished and the Division of Conservation was divided into three departments:

1. Forestry Department
2. Mining and Geology Department
3. Department of State Parks, Historical Sites and Monuments

The Department of State Parks is operating under this law except that "Historical Sites and Monuments" has been excluded by an Act of the Legislature.

The Bill in 1937, however, set up much of the philosophy and purpose of our department. As used in the Act, the terms "Park" or "Recreation Area" shall signify and embrace any land which, by reason of natural features, scenic beauty, with or without historical, archeological or scientific buildings or other objects thereon, possesses distinctive or potential physical, intellectual, creative, social or other recreational or educational

value or interest. The term "land" shall signify and embrace upland, land under water, the water of any lake, pond, or stream of water, and all rights, estates, interests, privileges, easements, and franchises in land or water.

The Act states that we are to provide and maintain adequate recreation facilities, establish rules and regulations governing their use, occupancy, and protection of the land and property under its control; to plan and conduct a program of information and publicity as to the scenic, recreational, historical, archeological and scientific points and places within the State designed to attract tourists and visitors from outside the State to this State.

We are proud of the progress that has been made in the last 25 years. Attendance and interest in our program has grown tremendously in the past few years. With 35 State Parks today, we look forward to the great progress and potential which this department has in the next 25 years. Let us hope that on the 50th anniversary we have the parks and personnel to meet the challenge of the great mobile and scientific age of tomorrow.

THE IMPRESSION YOU MAKE

In the public eye, the key personnel of the Department are the men who represent our Department by wearing a grey uniform, denoting the one in authority at that particular State Park area.

Whether the contact is at the entrance station, in an information station, in a museum, along the trail, or elsewhere, the visitor's impression of the Department may be determined by his impression of one individual. To a great degree, the reputation of our Department is in the hands of the personnel who meet the visitor and answer his questions.

From the start, the man in uniform has many points in his favor. In the first place, the visitor is seeking him and the employee wearing the uniform deservedly inspires respect.

The American Express Company has this to say about first contacts:

"Seemingly little things are actually important in creating a favorable first impression. Neatness of the representative's personal appearance, the everyday courtesies 'Thank you', 'Please', 'Yes, sir', 'No, sir'; the willingness on the part of the representative to be of assistance - all of these things contribute to a favorable first impression. Moreover, the representative must guard against passing on to the traveler any personal irritations or annoyances."

First impressions are the most lasting and a bad first impression is extremely difficult to correct. That first impression may be influenced by four factors:

1. The attitudes which the visitor brings with him.

2. The appearance of the surroundings.
3. The personal appearance of the man in uniform.
4. His attitude as it is reflected in what he says and does, and how he says and does it.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 10-12 - Southeastern Recreational Executive Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia.

April 11-15 - Camp Leadership Conference at Hard Labor Creek State Park, Rutledge, Georgia.

April 27-29 - Family Camping Conference at Hard Labor Creek State Park, Rutledge, Georgia.

NEW MUSEUM OPENINGS

The CREEK INDIAN MUSEUM at Indian Springs State Park will probably be opened about the 1st of May. All exhibits have been completed but the cabinet work being done on the cases is not yet finished. We hope to announce a definite opening date very soon.

The opening date for the WORLD WAR I and II MUSEUM at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in Cordele has been set for May 23. General Alvan Gillem, a soldier of distinction and former Commander of the Third Army, will be our guest speaker.

To be of use in the world is the only way to be happy.

NEW NAMES GIVEN TWO STATE PARKS

During the last General Assembly, two resolutions were passed, re-naming Little River State Park as REED BINGHAM STATE PARK and the Reidsville State Park as GORDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK.

The Reed Bingham State Park is named for Mr. Reed Bingham through whose efforts the first County Rural Electric Cooperative was established in Colquitt County. Through his efforts, time and talents, Mr. Bingham has always stressed conservation and recreation.

The name for the GORDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK was derived from a remarkable small tree discovered in 1765 by John and William Bartram along the Alata-maha River on the coastal plain of Georgia. The plant is commonly known as the "Lost Camelia" and resembles the loblolly-bay, but its leaves are thinner and about 4 inches long. The tree has smooth, black bark and bears groups of flowers with unequal white petals which appear in July.

It is world-known that the Gordonia Alatamaha was found only in Georgia.

The park now called Reidsville State Park is located near the site where the original and only plant was found. This flower is now being honored by having a State Park named for it.

We are very pleased to have two new State Park names which have significance and historical background.

The secret of Life is not to do what one likes, but to try to like what one has to do.

BULLETIN BOARDS

The new State Park information boards will soon be delivered. These Bulletin Boards can do much to stretch the effectiveness of a limited information force.

At a busy information center where visitors must wait to ask questions, when given an opportunity to read a Bulletin Board it often fits their needs and saves their time and yours.

Bulletin Boards should tell the visitor about the interesting activities available in the area, rules and regulations about the park, and any special events that might be taking place in the area or in the State.

Your Bulletin Board should be inspected every day or two, to be sure that only fresh and timely material is posted and that it is neat in appearance.

Park visitors also may like to use one side of the Bulletin Board for messages to friends, arrangements for transportation, and even notices of lost and found articles. The accumulation of these materials on an information board sometimes needs to be discouraged but adequate supervision of this type of material would be a service to the public.

Bulletin Boards should be located at the principal gathering places such as the concession building, campground, store, or eating place.

Please try to make your Bulletin Boards an effective part of the public relations of our Department. See that they are attractive, up-to-date, and neat in appearance.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

The National Conference of ACA which meets every two years is being held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City, March 6-10.

A wonderful program has been planned for this meeting, with such sections as "Techniques in Planning and Evaluating a Program", "Camp as a Workshop for the Future", "Standards for Camping", "Camp Planning and Construction", "Year-round Use of Campsites", "Techniques and Projects for Stimulating Camper Interest in Nature", and "Youth Fitness".

Many seminars are being planned, such as Food, Business Administration, Teen-age Girls, Teen-age Boys, Presenting In-Camp Counselor Training, Techniques in Problem Solving, and Camp Maintenance.

There will be a number of outstanding speakers, one being Secretary Abraham Ribbicoff, Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare. Another interesting speaker will be Dr. Charles H. Boehm, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

State Park people should take special interest in this meeting as the Executive Council will probably set up a Family Camping section from which Family Camping standards may evolve. This will be of great help to State Parks which are now setting up new campsites and trying to educate the public to our purpose of conserving natural resources.

Nature is man's teacher. She unfolds her treasures to his search, unseals his eye, illumines his mind, and purifies his heart; an influence breathes from all the sights and sounds of her existence.

AMERICAN RECREATION SOCIETY

It was very interesting this month to note that the members of the State and Federal Section of the American Recreation Society are now voting to merge with the Rural Section. The new Section of the Society will be called County, State and Federal, the reason being:

1. There is a similarity in the type of work of members of both Sections;
2. More opportunity in leadership, programming, and facilities;
3. Members of both Sections are more likely to be affected by present trends of emphasis - "Outdoor Recreation", "Wilderness Areas", and "Procurement of New Recreational Areas and Parks". A united and strong front has merit.
4. An opportunity to develop an active, live and vital Section with a well-planned and well-publicized program at the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing big things from this merger of active recreation workers into one Section of the ARS.

FISHING IN STATE PARK LAKES

In view of the fact that we are a department of conservation as well as recreation, no trotlines or fish baskets may be used by fishermen in State Park lakes.

This regulation will be strictly enforced by all State Park Superintendents.

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
Submitted by J. L. Christian, Supt.

Black Rock was closed the entire month of January because of ice and snow. It has all melted and is gone now, and the road which had frozen is now thawing. We do not allow traffic on the road until it dries out since it is spongy and will crumble under the pressure of traffic.

Georgia Power is running the power line out to our camping area this week.

Thanks for the six new grills. Now send me fifteen more and we will have one for each campsite. (Ha!)

SEMINOLE STATE PARK
Submitted by E. C. Johnson, Supt.

We are now in the process of fixing our swimming area. We have a sand pump trying to pump sand. We have added a new picnic shelter to our picnic area. Have five new wooden picnic tables already put together and ready to go under the shelter. Also have four new barbecue grills to go in the picnic areas and have already built cement foundations for them.

All of the park has been controlled and green grass is beginning to show already. We have been digging stumps out of our park and have stained most of our signs and re-lettered them with the new "codit" paint. I think it is a mighty fine paint.

FAIRCHILD STATE PARK

We have installed a pump and pump house here.

CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK
Submitted by J. M. Crawford, Supt.

Not much news. Cold weather - spring weather - and then more cold weather. At this time of writing, we have very mild warm weather.

Had quite a few visitors the weekend of February 3. Was host to two very fine Scout Troops. I enjoyed talking to the leaders, Mr. Don Blair of Atlanta, and Mr. William Handlan. They had some very nice remarks about Georgia parks. I enjoyed their visit very much and it was a pleasure to have them.

This month I have been tightening cables on the bluff, placing new grills, cleaning up the park, painting posts and signs, and put up 500 feet of chain on bluff where there was no cable. It was very dangerous where chain was put.

P.S. Did you know this Park is in Georgia? - and would you like a map to show you the way?

KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK
Submitted by Cecil Hall, Supt.

A letter from Mr. Ron Harwood of Albany states that a group there has formed a camping club. The group includes both tent and trailer campers with a membership of about 30 families.

They plan to visit Kolomoki the first weekend in March. I feel sure they will enjoy their visit here. Family campers are the easiest people to get along with that we have. They seem to appreciate and enjoy the parks more than any other group.

This is my first knowledge of any organized family camping. Perhaps

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it has been started elsewhere. If it catches on, it could increase our camping beyond what we have expected.

We have had a few people boating and skiing every Sunday since the 4th of February. The mountain boys brag about their cold weather but we lay claim to an earlier skiing season.

HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

During the month of January, we had three BSA Troops doing Pioneer Camping. Due to the bad weather, we had only two family groups using our Day Use facilities. We had a total of 1214 visitor days for the month.

Work has progressed nicely on our Tent Camping area comfort station.

Work was started on adding a bedroom to our sign painter's residence. Wedding bells again??

Two pieces of equipment were added to our woodworking shop -- a thickness planer and a wood lathe. In this shop, work is progressing on a number of museum cases for Indian Springs State Park.

Although the Atlanta Jewish Community Center is not going to use Camp Rutledge again for the coming season, we do have reservations covering most of the summer.

Several groups that have outgrown Camp Daniel Morgan have been transferred to Camp Rutledge and other groups have been added to Daniel Morgan. It may be interesting to note that Camp Daniel Morgan was named for General Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War general, as was Morgan County. Some of his men were among the early settlers of Morgan County.

Come, all of you from other parts,
Both city folk and rural;
And listen while I tell you this:
The word "you-all" is plural.

When we say "you-all must come down"
Or "we-all shall be lonely",
We mean a dozen folks, perhaps,
And not one person only.

If I should say to Hiram Jones
For instance, "You-all's lazy"
Or "Will you-all lend me a knife?"
He'd think that I was crazy!

Now if you'd be more sociable,
And with us often mingle,
YOU'D find that on the native tongue
"You-all" is never single.

Don't think I mean to criticize,
Or act as if I knew-all,
But - when we speak of one alone,
We-all say "you" like "you-all".

--Author Unknown
Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.
Hard Labor Creek State Park

To most of us the out-of-doors
brings refreshment and a new lease
on life. Wherever we go - to a
favorite park, the beach, to a
mountain lake for a day's fishing,
or to some secluded spot in the
woods - we recapture something that
we cannot find anywhere else.

I trust in nature for the stable laws
Of beauty and utility. Spring shall
plant
And Autumn garner to the end of time:
I trust in God - the right shall be
the right
And other than the wrong, while he
endures:
I trust in my own soul, that can
perceive
The outward and the inward, nature's
good
And God's.

---Robert Browning

LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK
Submitted by Clay Morgan, Supt.

Mr. Sinclair, that nail drivin' picnic shed building man, arrived today. Everything was in order and we started two picnic sheds. These sheds are certainly popular. Already we have reservations up into the month of August. These are people who want to have family re-unions.

Since Miss Barbara wants to know what the campers have to say, I'll add this for the record. We had a trailer camper with us last week from Texas who told us about the top quality salesman Texas produced. It seems there was a salesman who was about through for the day, but he still had two milking machines he wanted very much to sell. Only one house was left on his route. The salesman stopped and found that the farmer had only one cow. He sold the farmer the two milking machines and took the cow as a down payment!! Since all Park Superintendents are trying to sell GEORGIA to the campers when possible, it may be well to remember this salesman from Texas when things are not going too well. (Yes, we called our Texas camper "Muzzleblast".)

Odd Ball Happenings: A tourist drove in the park, pulled up to the line of posts, started blowing his horn, and wanted curb service information as to the best and shortest route to Jekyll Island. Yeah, he had a Cadillac and two poodle dogs.

Highway #177 - the one that runs from the Okefenokee Swamp Park to Highway #84 and winds all around the L. S. Walker State Park - will be resurfaced and the contract has already been let. This will start soon.

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We are erecting a new flag pole at lakeside. A red flag will be raised when the weather is considered too bad for boating, skiing or swimming. This idea comes from our sponsor, Mr. McGarity, and we think it is a good one. Several people in this vicinity have been killed by lightning in boats - but not in our lake.

At present the weather is fine and we have had quite a few out picnicking. We have 4 new Parkmaster barbecue iron stoves. These will soon be in operation. All this picnic business brings to mind that each time it gets a little warm, it brings on more mosquitoes. There is every indication that the mosquito fogging machine will be in use earlier than usual.

I have decided that an important item of every day use is knowing the mileage from your park to all other parks, both in your State and other States - AND how to mark a map upside down. Also, it would add to your prestige with some folks if you could tell them where the cheapest restaurants are.

P.S. The doctor has ordered Mr. Steedly to turn in to the hospital Sunday, 11th of February, at 3 P.M. His condition will be reported later. Incidentally, Mr. Steedly caught 11½ lbs. of large-mouth bass from our lake and won a \$35.00 fishing reel.

REIDSVILLE STATE PARK
Submitted by C. P. Flowers, Supt.

A great big thanks to Miss Rankin for shipping two Hancock stoves for use at the Park! I know the public will enjoy using them - when the weather warms.

The biggest activity now is fishing. Several have made good catches.

MR. STEPHENS' BIRTHDAY

As February 11 was the birthday of our great statesman, Alexander Hamilton Stephens, Georgians doubtless will be interested in knowing about his brief teaching experience in Morgan County in 1832.

On August 2, two days after graduating with honors from Franklin College (University of Georgia), Alexander Stephens arrived in Madison and taught in the Academy with Mr. Leander A. Lewis for only four months. Later, Mr. Stephens stated "I was not particularly dissatisfied with teaching school. But the place was new; the people all strangers; I had just left such pleasant scenes. The spirit, like a city cut off from its supply of water, was dying of thirst. The soul seemed to wither and die within me." He said that his college days were the happiest of his life. He had nothing financially, a factor which did much to contribute to his unhappiness.

School opened at 8 A.M. and continued until 5:30 P.M., but usually began much earlier and remained until sunset, allowing two hours intermission at noon. Some young men who seemed intent on study would stay late and the teachers devoted themselves to them. "Some of my scholars were grown up, and some quite small. Some were in Latin and Greek, preparing for the Sophomore class, half advanced in college, and some just learning the alphabet; and it was the same way in Lewis' department. Each of us had his own department under his exclusive control." The school had more than fifty scholars of both sexes, divided between the two teachers without reference to age or advancement.

The first day of his teaching, Mr. Stephens made some rules on conduct. These were rigidly enforced and he had no problem with discipline even though Lewis was entirely too easy with those under him in the other end of the building. He did have to whip one of the older boys when they tried to test the nerve of their boyish teacher. Mr. Stephens liked to take a long walk each morning before classes began.

The teacher fell in love with one of his pupils, a young girl, lovely both in person and character, someone he grew to love with a depth of affection. Because of finances and the fact that he believed he wouldn't live a long life due to his health, he never told the girl how he felt and never told the experience to anyone until a generation later. As teachers soon learn the dispositions of their students, this was a logical experience.

From Madison, Mr. Stephens went to Liberty County, teaching and living in the home of Dr. William LeConte, a former roommate. Dr. LeConte's sons became well known in later life, making brilliant careers, Joseph as a noted geologist, and John as a professor of physics at the University of California.

Submitted by Miss Elizabeth Gunn
Hostess, Liberty Hall
Alexander H. Stephens State Park
Crawfordville, Ga.

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MEMORIAL DAY

This the day we set apart
That some little praise be said
Unto every gallant heart
Numbered with our Nation's dead.
Bugler blow the reveille!
End the day with taps once more!
We, the living, still are free
In the peace they battled for!

Large the debt to them we owe,
Great the faith in us displayed.
Shouting, even should they go.
We should follow unafraid!
Now in freedom's name we must
Such devotion justify,
For in us they placed their trust
And for us they chose to die!

-----Edgar A. Guest

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GEORGIA VETERANS MUSEUM

The Georgia Veterans Museum will be open May 23. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 P.M. with General Alvan Gillem as the principal speaker. The 48th Armored Division band will play.

Most of the exhibits have been placed and final completion will be probably around the first of May. We hope to have enough finished so that it will be of interest to the Park Superintendents during their In-Service Training Conference at Cordele.

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I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.

---Abraham Lincoln

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CAMPING FOR AMERICAN YOUTH -- A DECLARATION FOR ACTION

A study with the above title was enclosed in last month's issue of ACA's magazine.

It is an excellent article to read if you are interested in the out-of-doors and seeing that the young people of today realize its values in making good citizens of tomorrow.

It discusses moral and spiritual values, tensions, mobility of population, family life, fear, education, pressures to conformity, over-protection, physical, mental and emotional potentials, disappearance of work as fulfillment, specialization, democracy, honesty, aids to enrichment, and an abundant life.

It is wonderful reading, if you have an opportunity.



INDIAN SPRINGS MUSEUM

Cases have been completed at the Museum and exhibit placement will probably begin in about 2 weeks. A tentative date has been set for Sunday, May 20.

The Museum will contain pre-historic Indian history and Creek history, including the history of Indian Springs and the McIntosh connection with this area, and will show that the present Creek Indians are now a part of our nation.

There will be a story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine Section this spring, with color pictures of the exhibit. We hope you will look for this article and keep it, and tell visitors who inquire about the Museum.

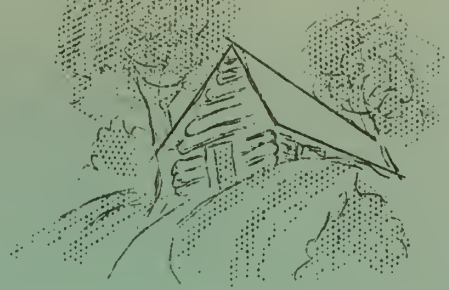
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Fort Pulaski Week will be held April 7-15 at Savannah, Georgia, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the capture of Fort Pulaski by the Federal forces.

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When you can't remove an obstacle,
plow around it.

---Abraham Lincoln



ELIJAH CLARK MUSEUM

Work has been started on the grounds at the Elijah Clark Museum and cases will soon be built so that the Revolutionary Period of our history may be brought back to life and the background of Elijah Clark might be known to visitors.

Plans include a split rail fence surrounding the log cabin which is a replica of the home which Elijah Clark built. The two small rooms will contain cases of treaties, correspondence, etc. relating to this Period. The old kitchen will be furnished to show how the people lived.

Completion of the museum will probably be in early fall.

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SILENCE

There is no such word as silence
In space, on land, or sea.
Stars whisper one to another,
Waves fall eternally.
Even in forests at midnight
When feathered things are mute,
We hear faint stirrings of objects,
Sometimes - a fairy flute.
A heart-beat will break the
stillness
At the witching hour;
And the dawning will be broken
By an unfolding flower.

---Isabelle Dinwiddie



OUT OF THE
MAIL BAG

Dear Sir:

On October 18, 1961 my wife and I drove into the Camp Stephen Foster State Park near Fargo, Georgia. Although it was after dark when we arrived and we were without reservations, we were served an evening meal, assigned a clean and comfortable cottage for the night and otherwise shown every courtesy.

As stated above, we had made no plans for the visit in advance. However, while eating our evening meal, we made inquiry as to the possibility of doing some fishing next day. Mr. George A. Sirmans, manager of the camp, told us that he would not have any guides available for early morning fishing. However, it was arranged that he would act as guide for us and take us fishing and sight-seeing.

Never have we had such a wonderful outing; the scenery was most outstanding. I feel safe in saying that we saw not less than 100 alligators, thousands of beautiful and rare birds, and we also had real good luck fishing, in that we caught 36 wormmouth perch.

We left there during the afternoon of October 19th with a mighty fine feeling of having been treated to a most pleasant outing and just wanted to say "Thanks" to your Department and to Mr. Sirmans, and to assure you that we expect

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to return there many times in the future.

Yours very truly,

B. H. Anderson
55 Delmont Dr., NE
Atlanta 5, Ga.

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FORESTRY APPRECIATION

Thousands of youngsters throughout Georgia recently observed the 71st anniversary of Arbor Day with tree planting and conservation ceremonies.

County forest rangers assisted schools with their Arbor Day observances. The Georgia Forestry demonstrations were also held in commemoration of the day.

In his 1962 proclamation, Gov. Ernest Vandiver urged every Georgian to take part in the protection, development and perpetuation of forestry in his own community. The governor pointed out that Georgia's forests provide employment for over 200,000 persons and pumps more than \$975,000,000 into the State's economy each year.

---Georgia Forestry
March 1962 issue

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SPRING FEVER DAYS

Along in early Springtime,
'Bout the time for sowin' oats,
We always have a day or two
So warm we pull off our coats,
And we have that no 'count feelin',
Just can't hardly get about,
And folks we meet, are sayin'
"Old Spring Fever's breakin' out."

— Ottis Shirk

WELCOME

CAMP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 13-15



The Georgia Department of State Parks welcomes the members of the American Camping Association taking part in the Camp Leadership Conference at Hard Labor Creek Group Camp.

For seven years the Georgia Department of State Parks has cooperated with ACA in sponsoring a Leadership Program for our leaders of organized camping.

In addition to the Camp Leadership Conference, there will be a special Campcrafters Course given three days preceding. Advance registration was necessary for participation in this Workshop.

The Camp Leadership Conference will begin on Friday night. On Saturday special programs have been planned for the different interest groups whose members will be teaching camps this summer.

There will also be a Camp Director Seminar held, with many discussions on proper organization of a camp program. All types of youth organizations, church groups, private camps, and Recreation Departments are expected to be represented at this Conference.

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It's what we learn after we think
we know it all that counts.

---Abe Martin

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NEW CAMPING HANDBOOK

The Georgia Department of State Parks has just published a new booklet entitled "Camping in Georgia State Parks". This new booklet will be a source of knowledge to visitors about the rules and regulations for campers in our State Park System.

There is information in it about camping permit fees and includes a chart of the types of facilities found in our camping areas. Some ideas are given, also, on how to enjoy the natural resources found in our parks.

The park superintendents are to use this booklet in answering correspondence about camping from prospective visitors. New campers may also be given a copy, on arrival, so they may know the rules and regulations they are expected to follow.

A supply of these handbooks are being mailed to each superintendent but larger quantities will be available to them for pick-up at the In-Service Training Program at Cordele.

We hope the booklet will prove helpful in lightening the burden of so much correspondence on our park superintendents.

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The wilderness and the dry land
shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and
blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom
abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be
given to it, the majesty of
Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the
Lord, the majesty of our God.

---Isaiah 35:1-2

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FAMILY CAMPING WORKSHOP April 27-29

The Georgia Department of State Parks will again co-sponsor with the Atlanta Recreation Department a week-end of training for family campers. This program will begin on Friday night with a panel discussion on what families expect from a camping trip.

On Saturday morning, the group will be split according to experience.

Beginners will be told how to plan the camping trip, what to do first on arriving at the site, skills on cooking and living in the out-of-doors, and safety measures.

The advanced campers will go on a hike and cook-out. The Forestry Commission's representative will have nature study stations along the trail taken on the hike and we believe these stations will be of much interest to the hikers.

There will be Junior skill sessions for the children, and on Saturday night there will be a large campfire where the campers will be told how to enjoy their evenings with family recreation.

On Sunday morning, there will be a Family Camp Worship Service.

All participants in the program will live in tents and cook their own meals.

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FAMILY CAMPING WORKSHOP (cont'd)

Pre-registration is required for this conference.

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LITTER BUG SIGNS

The State Parks Department has purchased a quantity of Litter Bug signs of plastic which state, "Keep Our State Park Clean".

These signs will be given to the superintendents at the In-Service Training Meeting. They should be put in the camping and picnic areas.

We hope that the signs will be helpful in educating the public towards leaving their camping areas cleaner than when they found them. Every little thing helps in reminding the public that the parks are for their pleasure and that they are responsible for helping keep them clean and beautiful.

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DID YOU KNOW???

The Coelacanth Fish has remained unchanged for 300 million years. Although this fish has long been believed to be extinct, several living specimens have been caught off Madagascar and are identical with fossil remains.

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The use to which statistics are sometimes put reminds us of comedian Dave Astor's observation that "Ever since they put those Smokey the Bear ads in the N. Y. subways, there hasn't been a single forest fire in Manhattan."

---from The Right Hand
April 1962 issue

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P A R K N E W S

CHEHAW STATE PARK

Submitted by Earl Dawson, Supt.

We are in the process of getting our Comfort Station in the camping area started, as we have already received some of the material. We are erecting ten concrete picnic tables in the tent camping area, and also four cooking stoves. I received a 31" mower which was badly needed. We have planted grass on the banks at the concession stand.

Have had lots of picnicking on week-ends.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK

Submitted by C. H. Morgan, Supt.

Amid tears, sweat and a little blood, we dismantled the life-guard seats today. They had been a monument for 25 years. The lake does not look the same.

We will now move some 30 concrete tables to another area so the swimming pool can be staked out. There has been so much controversy about this one item from the various organizations, I sometimes think I need a brain surgeon's Do-It-Yourself Kit.

We have widened the entrance from the east side of the park. Two cars can pass at the gate. It looks so much better.

The area around the sewage disposal plant is a beautiful green. The grass has grown better than we thought it would. Although we have had some large crevices washed out by the heavy rains, these have now been filled in with soil and rock.

Before I forget, the large bass caught by Mr. Steedley was hooked

on a trot line. Guess these days are over for a while. Mr. Steedley is now back on the job. His doctor told him to get away from any arduous duty so he went away for a few days to recuperate. He came back full of fishing ideas.

Our attendance has been pretty good, we think, with the kind of weather we have been having. The only thing short is the money. Nobody spends anything. In fact, the picnickers can buy drinks by the case from the super markets cheaper than I can buy them from the bottlers.

We had a nice visit with the Car-
ters at Hard Labor Creek. Walked down the 5th Avenue Boulevard Road. This was quite an accomplishment, we thought. Looked like Dan Boone had been there. We have also visited our close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Willcox, at McRae. All the parks looked very inviting and showed where improvements had been made.

There isn't much to write about and I have a sore finger, too. See you in Cordele, I hope.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK

Submitted by F. H. Hill, Supt.

We have our new redwood signs erected now. They look good and really shine at night when the car lights are on them.

The park season is getting started out here. I had two school groups and one of the local Scout Troops last week. The area churches are getting ready for the Easter Pageant and Sunrise Services that they are planning to have at Victoria Bryant Park.

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STEPHEN C. FOSTER STATE PARK
Submitted by George A. Sirmans

Spring has come to the Okefenokee Swamp and to Stephen C. Foster State Park. The flowers that are in bloom in the swamp at this time of the year are: The Golden Club (Never Wet), Hoo Raa, Bladderwort, purple iris, yellow pond lily, and a variety of orchids. The alligators have begun to mate, and the roar that the big bull alligators make will tingle a man's skin.

We have had the editor of Fortune Magazine, Mr. George Bookman, and family with us during the spring holidays. We toured the swamp, waded into a bird rookerie and got some wonderful pictures of the egrets, herons, ibis, and water turkeys building their nests. These birds will begin to lay eggs within the next 3 weeks. I intend to get pictures of the whole nesting cycle.

During the spring holidays we also had between 600 and 700 Boy Scouts from the Northeast Georgia Council of BSA camping on Billy's Island. These troops are well disciplined and have many fine leaders. Due to this fact, we didn't have the first accident happen during their two-week stay.

I would like to invite any superintendent and family to come down during this spring and take a tour in the swamp. It won't take anything other than the drive down and about two hours of your time while you are at the park.

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UNICOI STATE PARK
Submitted by Lat Vandiver, Supt.

The last couple of months have been rough - snow and rain most of the time.

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UNICOI STATE PARK (continued)

We have painted the concession building inside and both houses inside at Group Camp. The cabins are cleaned up and ready for the season. We are having a few week-end people in the cabins, and have lots of cabin reservations.

Group Camp is full for the season. Have new gas circulator for dining room of Group Camp.

A comfort station has been started in the camping area. Got our roads scraped, at last. They have been so rough we could hardly get around the park. We hope to turn water on Group Camp next week and get cleaned up for the season. We are hoping that spring is just around the corner. This week has been warm, with frost.

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AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK
Submitted by E. C. Collins, Supt.

Now that spring is here, we are cleaning up our park and getting ready for a busy summer. We are expecting the best one we have ever had, and looking forward to it.

During the month of March, we had campers from Alabama, Michigan and Indiana, and visitors from Chicago who were carried away with our mountain park. The lady from Michigan called it "God-made beauty". They were on their way home after spending some time in Florida.

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KEG CREEK STATE PARK
Submitted by James H. Sweat

As the season approaches, our attendance is beginning to increase with fishermen and sight-seers.

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KEG CREEK STATE PARK (con'd)

We have two new wells completed which have been approved by Mr. Collier and his staff and also by the Board of Health in this county.

A comfort station is being constructed and we hope to have it completed in the near future. Mr. Shackelford was with us this week to inspect the comfort station.

Thanks to the Parks Department, we are progressing rapidly.

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

It will not be long before time to open our park for the season which will start May 1st.

We are having many visitors, both out of town as well as our local people, making inquiries as to the numerous improvements taking place in the park.

The Filter system is ready for operation. A new coat of aquamarine paint has been applied to the pool. Grass has been planted around the pool and it is beginning to sprout.

We are very ahppy to have Mr. Jim Glenn with us who has done a wonderful job of insulating the cabins and installing our air conditioners of which we are very proud.

Water and electric lines have been run to our four picnic shelters. We are receiving early reservations for our cabins, and tent and trailer sites.

Thanks to Miss Rankin for the cooperation in supplying our needs to our park.

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK (cont'd)

Among numerous visitors to our park in the past 30 days was a Scout Troop from Kingsland, Ga. of 15 boys. In charge was Mr. Jack O'Steen, Scoutmaster.

The St. Mary's Boat Club came out for a barbecue on the week-end of March 10. Thirty-five attended and they had fun.

Dr. Thomas of Gilman Hospital in St. Mary's came out March 24 with 30 boys and adults to camp overnight. The Scouts were from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Kelly, Youth Leader of the YMCA of Athens, Ga. brought 65 boys down to our park in a large school bus and spent Friday and Saturday night, April 6 and 7. Mr. Kelly said they enjoyed their visit very much and complimented our park on its beauty and neatness. They plan to return this summer.

A group from Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Ga. of about 35 young women plan a camping trip in the near future.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Submitted by W. S. Fricks, Supt.

On pretty week-ends we are having a good many picnickers. At the present, we are spring cleaning. We have painted all the park signs. We are in the process of cleaning and getting the Group Camp in shape for campers. Have just finished setting up our stoves in picnic area.

We are looking forward to our next In-Service Training course at Cordele. Hope to see you all there.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

The grass is green, the redbud is blooming, the birds are singing, the fish are biting, folks are picnicking. Spring is here and everybody seems happy.

One organized church group used Camp Daniel Morgan for a week-end retreat with a total of 104 camper days.

We had four pioneer camping groups with a total of 135 camping days; also 56 Tent camper days and 19 trailer camper days. Our total attendance for the month was 2669.

All three of the group camps have been placed in readiness for a full season beginning with the first week-end in April.

We are looking forward to the annual Camp Leadership Conference and the Family Camping Workshop, both of which will be held at Camp Rutledge.

The water main to our tent camping area has been completed. Also, the assembly shelter has been erected in this area. An old log cabin was taken down and one new picnic shelter was erected in its place in the picnic area.

In our woodworking shop, work is progressing on a number of museum cases for Indian Springs and also on the bulletin boards.

Due to the rough fish control job which was accomplished in Lake Rutledge last year, the fish are biting exceptionally good this spring. Several crappie over 2 pounds have been caught - the largest weighing 2 3/4 pounds. During this rough fish control work, a crappie weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz. was picked up. This is

HARD LABOR CREEK (continued)

almost a record as not many crappie over 4 pounds are caught.

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LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

Submitted by Lee Willcox, Supt.

We have really made some progress down here this month. We have the road paved to the boat ramp and a road paved to the two large picnic shelters and large barbecue pit. The boat docks have been repaired; also the boat ramp. We have two more picnic shelters up and the tables are assembled and painted, ready to put under them. The comfort station is about two-thirds finished.

Someone has said, "A man's reach should be higher than his grasp - or what is Heaven for?" So, we are trying to reach higher by trying to get our new trailer and camping area paved. Both of the Commissioners from Telfair and Wheeler Counties are working on this. We are afraid the road will not hold up for heavy trailers as it is.

We are having a few more trailer campers, as you know by the permits sent in. These are mostly tourists going back north. Some Boy Scouts on their way to Okefenokee spent the night here lately.

Since the weather has been so fine, we are having quite a few meetings and parties at the Club House. The Club House has been painted throughout inside. It looks mighty pretty and clean.

The locksmiths put back in the dam today. We had an unusual experience with the locks. A log had floated down and got jammed in

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LITTLE OCMULGEE (continued)

the locks. We had a time getting it out before we could put the locks in.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Veterans Memorial the 1st of May.

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A. H. STEPHENS

Submitted by Miss Laura Lee
Crawford, Museum Curator

We were glad to have Mr. Collier, Col. Wagner and Mr. Stokes visit our park on Monday, March 19.

Now that spring is here, we are beginning to have more visitors. We had a school group from Wrens, Saturday, March 17, and have had notification that the 7th grade from S. D. Copeland School of Augusta will visit the home of A. H. Stephens and the Confederate Museum on April 13.

A few days before St. Patrick's Day, Mr. and Mrs. McAlaney of Belfast, Northern Ireland, made us a visit. They had read "Gone With the Wind" and were very interested in Confederate history and the beautiful antebellum homes in the South. We certainly enjoyed talking with them.

The dead magnolia tree at the museum has been replaced with one that will bloom this year. We had visitors from the State of Illinois the day it was planted. They enjoyed watching the planting of a magnolia as much as anything they had seen on their southern tour. The relics, now carefully arranged on the new blue velvet, gives them a look of much more value and adds beauty and color to the museum cases.

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CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK

Submitted by J. M. Crawford, Supt.

Not much news but quite a variety of weather. Mild week-end brought many visitors.

We are making a general clean-up and cutting dead trees in the picnic and camping areas.

Happy to report the comfort station is nearing completion and now ready for inside plumbing and fixtures.

News not too pleasant --- four students from Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga attempted to scale down the northwest side of the gorge. The leader lost his footing and fell and rolled some 80 feet. Time - Saturday, March 17, 2:30 P.M. Ambulance and help was called as soon as we could get to phone 2 miles distant. How we could use a phone here! It could mean the difference between life and death.

However, the ambulance and help arrived in just a few minutes. The extent of the boy's injuries was minor unless something should develop as internal injuries. He had broken ribs, cuts and bruises, and possibly a broken leg. He was very lucky.

More excitement --- three negro prisoners overpowered the guard in an Alabama prison. They fled to Georgia, held up a service station here in Dade County and gathered some hostages. They tied up some highway workers, took their clothes. They abandoned their car near Trenton and headed toward Cloudland Canyon. Bloodhounds were sent out from Rome, Ga. and they were run down and cornered in an empty house near the park. Well, they were armed, but captured by local law and Highway Patrol and are now back in prison.....And I am out of my foxhole!

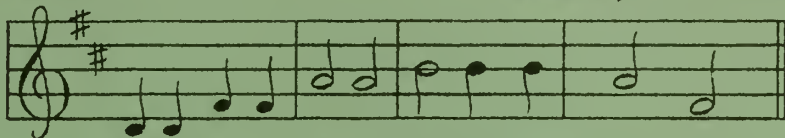
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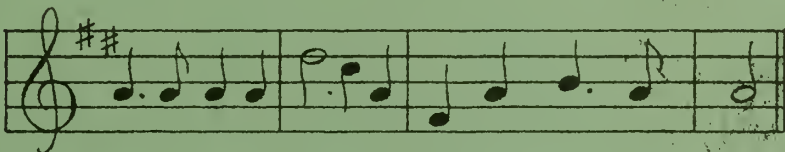
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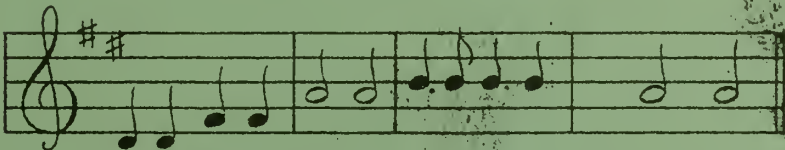
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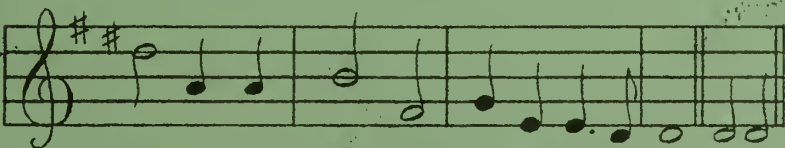
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.



Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,



God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

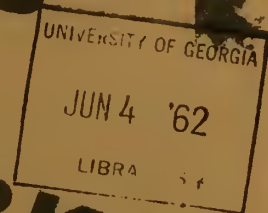
all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy!
merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity. Amen.

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GEORGIA'S STATE PARKS



WITHOUT PRICE

If price were asked to view a setting sun
Or pluck the wildflowers on a hill:
If toll were paid to watch a silver moon
And listen to the whippoorwill:
If gold were charged for all that friendship
means.
For sympathy and love unsought.
The comfort found in understanding hearts.
The precious gifts that are not bought:
Would we, perchance, more grateful be
For all these blessings given free!

VIEWS

May 1962

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CONSERVATION IN CAMPING AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

A Policy Statement

Introduction

In ever-increasing numbers the American people are turning to the out-of-doors for satisfactions during leisure. The natural environment brings delight, release from both physical and mental tension, and a sense of oneness with the universe. Today our rich heritage of the out-of-doors is in danger. The rapid growth population has resulted in pressures on open spaces, wildlife, plants, and water resources that threaten their continued existence as outdoor recreation resources. Predictions indicate far greater pressures to come, and only through the development of public awareness of the problem and careful planning may we hope to protect for future generations the natural resources that we treasure today.

We must always recognize that the very existence of a people as well as the quality of a civilization is dependent in large part upon natural resources. Food, water, shelter, and many other products of modern civilization come from the land. Economic needs, particularly for food, make the first demand on resources; but we must not neglect the scenic, scientific, historic, and other recreation values related to land. In fact, the very use of the out-of-doors for recreation in our urbanized culture is a means of developing an understanding of life processes and the need for conservation. It is also worth noting that often land with little economic value may have recreation potential.

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Outline

Rapid growth in the use of the out-of-doors

- Growth in use of parks, forest, and private outdoor areas
- Family camping
- Growth in water-related activities--boating, scuba diving, water-skiing
- Travel and vacation business

Problems arising out of increased use of the out-of-doors

- Pressure on land--crowding, over-use, erosion, etc.
- Pressure on wildlife
- Pollution and increased use of water resources
- Litter, vandalism, and other misuse of resources

Answers to meeting problems lies in education and planning

- Development of understanding and appreciation of the out-of-doors
- Development of skills incident to using the out-of-doors wisely

Outdoor Good Manners

- Respect for others in the use of outdoor areas
- Clean picnic areas and campsites
- Litter--highways, parks, picnic areas
- Courtesy in the use of private property
- Concern for aesthetic values

Teaching outdoor related skills with a concern for conservation

- Education in resource use should be a part of all outdoor skills teaching
- Boating and canoeing
- Outdoor living skills - need for change in emphasis
- Casting, fishing, firearms
- Winter sports
- Crafts using native materials

Support of movements that will provide in future years the resources needed for economic as well as recreational use

- Outdoor education and conservation education in schools
(Such programs should provide some direct experiences with the natural environment.)
- Development of long range plans for conservation of resources
- Acquisition and protection of varied types of land areas for future needs--national, state, local
- Encourage private land developments for outdoor recreation
camping areas and fishing and hunting areas
- Encourage large private forest land holding companies to make land available for recreation
- Support programs related to reduction of litter and vandalism
- Encourage the development and expansion of programs related to the development of knowledge and appreciation of America's outdoor heritage
- Natural science programs in organized camping
- Interpretive services of national and state local park and forest agencies
- Development of museums and nature centers

P A R K N E W S

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Many guests are coming in now for tent and trailer camping. We are very proud that we have our new shelters, concrete tables, barbecue tables and grills, and that headway is being made on our comfort station. The foundations were laid the last week in April. Hope it will soon be completed. Many people are asking about our new facilities, including the comfort station.

On April 20 the West Side Baptist Church of St. Mary's had a night Easter Egg Hunt and an old-fashioned Box Supper. The eggs were wrapped in tin foil paper and were hunted by flashlights, which was very impressive. Mr. and Mrs. Sparksman chaperoned 28 children for this occasion.

Mr. Charlie Smith sponsored a P.T.A. barbecue of chicken and brunswick stew at our park and had 60 guests. All had fun. They barbecued chicken on our grills and complimented them very highly.

Our new filter system is working in wonderful order and all are enjoying it very much. The water is so clear and pretty and we are so proud of it.

We are having many visitors from nearby cities and we are receiving many compliments on our beautiful rose bushes which were planted this season.

The Brunswick Motor Boat Club visited our park on Sunday with 20 boats and 120 people. They spent the day in the picnic area and enjoyed our grills and shelters very much.

A Scout troop from Jacksonville, #120, came Friday night and spent the week-end with us. They had flag raising and many other activi-

ties. Upon leaving, the Scout Master said all had a wonderful time. They were all worn out, so I'm sure a good time was had by all.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

Camping time is here again. Tourists are already on the move. During the month of April we had a total of 312 tent and trailer camper days. In our group camps we also had a total of 1356 camper days.

Both the Camp Leadership Conference and the Family Tent Camp Workshop held here this month were very successful. Approximately 125 people attended the Leadership Conference and 55 families registered for the Tent Camp Workshop. Miss Barbara Rankin, our Recreational Director, deserves a great deal of credit for the success of these two worthy projects.

District 18-F Georgia, Lions International, held its annual Cabinet meeting here in the park on Sunday, April 29, with approximately 75 Lions attending.

Madison District, Georgia Power Company, entertained their employees and families with a barbecue dinner on Friday, April 27, with about 150 attending.

B Troop, 15th Ca. U.S. Army Reserve camped overnight Saturday, April 7 in one of our pioneer camping areas. Approximately 75 men were on hand.

We also had our annual Insect Collectors group from the University of Georgia, out for a day of bug catching.

Our Rutledge Lions Club sponsored

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK (cont'd)

their annual Easter Sunrise Service here in the park. About 200 people attended. The grass was covered with frost - making it a very cool occasion.

We had several B.S.A. troops and one school doing pioneer camping, with a total of 293 pioneer camper days during the month.

We opened our swimming area the last week-end in April but due to sorta cool weather we had very few swimmers.

Work is progressing on our Family Tent Camp area and we are looking forward to its completion.

Museum cases were completed and installed by our maintenance shop crew at the Indian Springs Museum.

Work is progressing now on 3 more for Georgia Veterans Memorial Park. The Bulletin Boards are coming soon. We are also delivering concrete picnic tables again - after a long delay.

We had a total of 6768 visitors during April.

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CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK
Submitted by J. M. Crawford, Supt.

Freezing weather in April - cold and cloudy over the week-end - not too many visitors. Had two families of campers, one being from New York.

Had the pleasure of mowing for the first time the grass we sowed this fall.

So many hard rains did lots of damage so have been repairing bridge and roads in park as well as building terraces and hauling slate.

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GORDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK
Submitted by C. P. Flowers, Supt.

Activity is picking up here since we had that killer freeze on April 16. Seven groups that averaged 40 per group had egg hunts and outings on April 20. Around 300 were at the park Easter Sunday, having picnics and egg hunts.

Recently, a family from New York State spent a night at the park. They said they had stopped at Hard Labor Creek and Crooked River Parks. They expressed pleasant surprise at the kind treatment they had enjoyed at the Georgia parks. Similar expressions were made by a family from Rhode Island.

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KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK
Submitted by Cecil Hall, Supt.

On Friday, April 6, the Southwest Division Forestry Field Day was held here. The group consisted of about 150 FFA boys and 30 FFA advisors and forestry men.

They had ten major field events - and rain almost all the afternoon. In spite of the hardship caused by the rain, all the events were completed.

The Blakely FFA Chapter barbecued 190 chicken halves on our barbecue pits and served lunch to the group.

After lunch the award ceremony was held at our large picnic shelter.

We were very glad to have this event here at Kolomoki. The forestry people are about the most cooperative group we have.

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I am interested in the future because I expect to spend the balance of my life there.

---Charles Kettering

NEWS NOTE

It might be noted by Park Superintendents that this month we have had excellent coverage in newspapers all over the State, telling of the added conveniences and facilities in our State Parks. The Department certainly wishes to thank the editors of all these papers for their interest in telling the public how and where sites can be found to better enjoy their spring and summer months.

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ACA CONFERENCE DATE SET FOR 1963

The Georgia District of the American Camping Association has set April 19-21 as the dates for the 1963 Georgia Camp Leadership Conference.

This Conference will be held at Camp Calvin, the Atlanta Presbytery Camp at Hampton, Georgia.

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AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION MEETS IN STATE PARK

Over 100 camping enthusiasts met at Camp Rutledge, Hard Labor Creek State Park, near Rutledge, Georgia, April 12-15. This was the annual meeting of the Georgia District of the American Camping Association. About thirty arrived Thursday for special courses in Campcraft skills for outdoor camping by individuals and groups, and the balance arrived Friday and Saturday for the workshops and discussions in the Leadership meetings.

Individuals present in one or both programs represented Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, YMCA, YMCA, private camps, church-related camps, and other organized resident camps. These represented camp directors and administrators, and camp counselors.

In addition, several persons present were interested in, and represented, family camping and individual camping programs. In the business meeting Sunday morning, officers were elected for the Georgia A.C.A. group for the coming year. The featured speaker for the week-end was Dr. E. L. Palmer whose home is in Ithaca, New York, and who is a Professor Emeritus of Cornell University.

In the outdoor camping training, three persons were accredited in the Campcraft Course which gives training in basic day camping skills and was taught by Mrs. Jewel Perkins of Savannah. In the Advanced Campcraft Course, 12 persons spent the night at a site to which they had hiked, slept in tents, cooked and ate four meals there, in addition to learning the skills for camping trips of two or more days. The instructors were the Reverend Jack Stevenson, Director of Atlanta Presbytery's Camp Calvin in Clayton County near Hampton, and Adrian Moody, Camp Director for the Augusta YMCA. Miss Margaret Stanion, a professor at Wesleyan College, was the Instructor Trainer in teaching five persons in the Campcraft Instructor workshop. These will be accredited by the National A.C.A. offices and will bring to 17 the number of Instructors in Georgia - one of the highest percentages of any state in the nation.

Tentative plans were made for the 1963 meeting to be held on April 19-21, 1963.

It is hoped that all camps will try to raise their standards so that they might be accredited and listed as members of the American Camping Association.

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OUT OF THE MAILBAG

Park Superintendent
Cloudland Canyon

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the DeKalb Chapter of the Order of the Arrow may I express our sincere appreciation for your genuine friendliness and helpfulness to us during our camp-out at your park. We all agree that Cloudland Canyon is one of the most beautiful places in Georgia. Thank you so much.

Walter Padgett
Secretary, DeKalb
Chapter

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Park Superintendent
Cloudland Canyon

Dear Mr. Crawford:

On behalf of the Explorers and adult leaders of Post 900, Decatur, Georgia, and their officers, I want to express my thanks for the very pleasant camping trip we had during the Easter vacation.

Your hospitality, your splendid cooperation, and your invaluable assistance contributed to make this one of the best camping trips we have enjoyed.

May I also thank you personally for your generous gift of the Cloudland Canyon gavel. We have inscribed each end of the mallet "Easter Vacation Trip, 1962", and I have turned this over to the Post President for the conduct of meetings.

We have eighteen Explorers and three adults on this trip, and every one of them is looking forward to the opportunity of returning again. Thanks again - from all of us.

Court Stineman
Advisor, Post 900

Commissioner of State Parks
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

We had the pleasure of camping out in Seminole State Park over the Easter Holidays for a period of four nights and four days. The park was in excellent condition and Mr. Emmette Johnson, the man in charge, was most helpful and considerate of our needs while we were there. We had a group of about 15 people from Columbus and all of us enjoyed it immensely.

This is the third or fourth year that we have been in Seminole State Park over the Spring holidays and it is always a pleasure to be there and a pleasure to see Mr. Johnson and his family. He is doing an excellent job at the park.

A. B. Conger, M.D.
Columbus, Ga.

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Dear Sirs:

Earlier this month we again used Chehaw State Park for our annual Central District Camporee. We appreciate the fine manner our local park superintendent is keeping things so that we can use the park.

Superintendent Earl Dawson is courteous and always tries to make our stay an enjoyable one.

We thought that the Park Department would like to know that we do enjoy using Chehaw Park and will continue to do so as long as the park is kept in the manner that Mr. Dawson now has it.

Leroy H. Starrett
Asst. Scout Executive
Albany, Ga.

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OUT OF THE MAILBAG (cont'd)

Dear Mr. Collier,

We are so sorry that you could not be with us. The meeting has been pleasant and profitable, but we missed you and regret that your health prevented your attending. We hope you will soon be enjoying good health again.

Blanche Willcox	"Jo" Morgan
Lee Willcox	C. H. Morgan
Emma Neal Hall	Josie Greene
Cecil Hall	George Greene
Allene Fricks	Lorene J. Clark
W. S. Fricks	Wyatt D. Clark
Harriet Vandiver	M. B. Andrews
Lat Vandiver	B. F. McMichael
Lucille Carter	C. P. Flowers
Dodson Carter	Earl Dawson
F. H. Hill	J. L. Christian

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Dear Mr. Collier,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the Superintendents' Meeting.

So sorry you were unable to be with us. We always looked forward to your opening speech which was most inspiring, interesting and helpful.

Hoping you a speedy recovery and that you will come up and visit our park at any time. We are more than glad to have you.

Sincerely,

Charlie Collins

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When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud, either.

---Leo Burnett
Advertiser's Almanac

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THANKS

The Department of State Parks wishes to thank Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Supervisor of Purchasing for the State of Georgia, for his generosity in donating so many interesting items to the World War I and II Museum at Cordele. This type of dedication by citizens of Georgia will certainly make our museum one of importance and a place that the Department will be proud of in future years.

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AIR CONDITIONER - Whether you have a room unit or a central system, you should do two things before starting up your air conditioner for the coming warm weather:

Oil the bearings of the fan motor, and clean or replace the filter.

So advises the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, which says a dirty filter can reduce cooling efficiency by one-third. A badly clogged filter can cause the motor to burn out.

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How wise are flowers!

No rebels, these,
Insisting on
Strange liberties.
Never has

The mignonette
Been jealous of
A tulip yet.
Nor hollyhock
Stepped on the toes
Of a lily,
Or a rose.

From budding, till
Its petals fall,
Each,
An individual.
Contented through
Its brief bright hours
To be itself.
How wise are flowers!

---Ethel Romig Fuller

Frankly, we never know whether to put Mr. Morgan's letters under "Park News", "Editorial", or "Letters to the Editor", they are such a wonderful conglomeration of news, philosophy, and humor. Although his letter came in the day, and almost the hour, we went to press, we knew you wouldn't want to miss reading it, so we are just adding another page or two, and you may write your own heading for it.

(Editor's Note: I am sure you all will understand that gentle gibe, "Ghost Lake, Ga.")

Ghost Lake, Ga.
17 May 1962

Well Folks, another fine "In Training Program" has gone by the boards. I have often wondered at what a conglomeration of minds we have when we get all the park personnel together, especially at Cordele. And to hear this conglomeration say out loud "THIS IS BY FAR THE BEST IN TRAINING PROGRAM WE HAVE EVER HAD", then I say we had a program that suited everyone - a constructive and interesting one. All the talks were really to the point and something we all wanted to hear. To those who are responsible for this program, CONGRATULATIONS. To those who came and helped put it over - the speakers - thanks for the well chosen words.

Of course, to say this program was a super-duper without mentioning that "Hostess with the mostest", that Culinary Specialist, that Connoisseur of Fine Menus and Delicious Foods - Josie Greene - would make the whole thing a flop to start with. So, in behalf of the Morgan Clan, permit me to say Mrs. Greene, "Thank you for the excellent food, the promptness in which it was served, and all around cleanliness in general. See you sometime, George."

We would like to thank the Andersons for allowing us to see our favorite TV program - and in color, too! Also, we enjoyed the coffee, sugar and milk at that 5 A.M. coffee break - thanks again to the Andersons.

The best entertainment offered during the program was, of course, that "Crisp County" TWIST put on by Mr. McGarity and Mrs. Greene at the concessions. Just put a little more golf pivot swing in it, Josie, and I think you will have it.

We had the pleasure of taking Mr. and Mrs. Frick with us to Andersonville and enjoyed it so much. I have an interest in Baseball, and always will. And that's enough said when you are with Mr. Frick - sorry, Mrs. Frick, better luck next time.

And now, just a little for George Greene. How many of you noticed the neat patch work of the window screens? The small holes looked like they had been spot welded. This was new to me and it looked so nice. I found out how to do it from George and if you others want to find out, write George. It's too much for me. And George, your park was beautiful. Takes a lot of work to accomplish this.

What a public relations man that Bill Harper must be! He really sent some information out to us park-wise that we all needed. Personally, I would like to hear him again. The preventive maintenance talks were good. I have always believed in preventive maintenance and I know it pays off in everything. The talks on the operation of swimming pools were good too. Maybe we will have one soon. The talks on Insurance by the Travelers people was right to the point. Budgets, records and inventories by Mr. Struble and Mr. Wilkes gets my attention every time.

After the program was over, we continued on to Atlanta to see our son and went on out to Red Top Mountain to pick up some new ideas. It is strange how one gets in a rut and begins to think he is the best park man in the whole outfit and then he visits another park and sees how another Superintendent is doing things - things he has never thought about. YOUR FEATHERS WILL FALL. I have just finished visiting my sixth park and mine fell. On your next day off, visit another park - you'll be surprised.

We had a wonderful time and am looking forward to another one - and at Cordele.

So sorry, Mr. Collier, that you could not be with us. We sincerely hope you were with us in spirit and mind. Evidently you were, too.

C. H. Morgan
Waycross, Ga.

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I give Thee thanks, O God,
For these Thy gifts unbought with
coin:
For beauty of the earth and sky,
For goodly heritage,
For life and love and fellowship,
For that great Gift, surpassing
all,
The gift of Thine own Life to
men -
For these, O God, I give
Thee thanks,
And lift my hymn of praise
to Thee. Amen.

--Georgia Harkness

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Never tell a young person that something can not be done. God may have been waiting for centuries for somebody ignorant enough of the impossibility to do that thing.

--Dr. J. A. Holmes

"The states can never lose their powers till the whole people of America are robbed of their liberties. These must go together; they must support each other, or meet one common fate."

---Alexander Hamilton
From "A Treasury of
Great American Speeches"

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Legally, the husband is head of the household and the pedestrian has the right-of-way. Both are safe as long as they don't try to exercise their rights.

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TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING REGULATIONS FOR 1962

Time Limit - There is a two-week limit on the length of time a person may camp in a Georgia State Park. Campers must receive a permit by 7:30 P.M. A person must check out of a park by 5 o'clock P.M. on the day of departure, or be charged for an extra day.

Gates will not be opened until 7:00 A.M. No one should leave the area before this time. There are other people trying to sleep in the camping area.

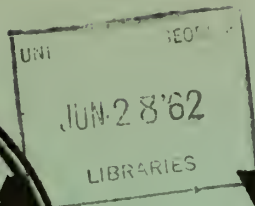
Quiet hour begins at 11:00 P.M.

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"We have all been so accustomed to figures about leisure time activities, that we tend to forget that leisure is not a synonym for idleness. Leisure does not - in this age of the new leisure, new levels of surplus income, and discretionary expenditures - equate with loafing."

---Excerpt from letter.

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VIEWS

June

NATIONAL
RECREATION
MONTH

**FAMILY
CAMPING**

1962



Charles A. Collier
Director

Barbara J. Rankin
Editor

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MESSAGE FOR NATIONAL RECREATION MONTH!

"This year, National Recreation Month has acquired new significance.

"The fundamental truth that recreation is essential to the cultural, physical, moral, and spiritual well-being of our people has been reaffirmed and enthusiastically endorsed by the Federal Government, by the States, and by prominent leaders in many walks of life.

"In January, the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, headed by Laurance S. Rockefeller, submitted its report, Outdoor Recreation for America, calling for greatly expanded development of outdoor recreation opportunities to meet the Nation's rapidly growing needs.

"Early in March, many of the Commission's recommendations were echoed in this Administration's message on conservation

"The continuing leadership of the United States in an unsettled world, depends as never before upon the vitality of our people. Therefore, I urge all citizens to observe National Recreation Month, and to renew their vigor with wholesome recreation . . . freely and wisely chosen."

JOHN F. KENNEDY

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* ON THE COVER *
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* Fun in the out-of-doors for a family of five! *
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* During the summer months thousands of families *
* will enjoy similar outings - away from the *
* daily routine and the hub-bub of city life. *
* Family Camping is one of our fastest-growing *
* national pasttimes. What better place to camp *
* than in a Georgia State Park! *
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CONSERVATION RESPONSIBILITY

Last month, Park Views carried a lead article on Conservation! It is a subject of such vital concern and national importance that we are again giving space to this subject.

Thousands of people will be visiting our State Parks this summer. This gives you a golden opportunity and a responsibility to encourage the attitudes and simple practices that can add up to better camping and conservation.

Here is your chance to bring the Conservation Pledge and Conservation Commandments to the attention of all the campers who come to the State Parks. The Park Bulletin Board would be one good method or you may have a better idea.



CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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I GIVE MY
PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN
TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO
DEFEND FROM WASTE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES OF
MY COUNTRY--ITS SOIL
AND MINERALS, ITS
FORESTS, WATERS,
AND WILDLIFE.

TO KEEP THE PLEDGE:

*SAVE THE SOIL

- Keep to established paths and trails to minimize erosion.
- Avoid disturbing plant cover on steep slopes.
- Drive only on Park roads; park cars in designated areas.

*KEEP FORESTS PRODUCTIVE

- Know State laws protecting trees and flowers.
- Avoid thoughtless marking of living trees and shrubs.
- Avoid over-using camp sites so that plant life may be preserved.

*PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS

- Keep waterways free from garbage and trash; help keep water source clean.
- Avoid wasting water.

*HELP PROVIDE WILDLIFE WITH FOOD, SHELTER, AND WATER

- Know the kinds of wildlife found in and near your camp.
- Know and obey fish and game laws.
- Protect the homes of wild creatures.
- Avoid annoying or killing small living things such as turtles, frogs, toads and non-poisonous snakes.

---"You and Conservation"

CONSERVATION COMMANDMENTS

1. Study the land so that each acre may be used wisely according to its capabilities and treated according to its needs.
2. Guard well the living soil, that it may continue to nurture man:
 Clothe it lovingly with vegetation,
 Hold on to it tenaciously,
 Restore its fertility and organic content,
 Improve it as a legacy for posterity.
3. Revere water, the lifeblood of civilization:
 Retard it on the surface,
 Trap it in the soil,
 Guard its purity zealously.
4. Cherish forests that they may --
 Conserve water,
 Shelter wildlife,
 Provide for our needs,
 Restore our tranquility.
5. Respect all living things as having a role, however humble, in the balance of nature.
6. Provide living museums, samples of primeval America, to be managed by nature alone, so that they may --
 Serve as reservoirs of wild species that may be needed tomorrow;
 Provide control areas against which man's efforts at management may be measured.
7. Learn to live in harmony with nature in an ecological symphony, a mutually beneficial dependency.

---M. Graham Netting
Director
Carnegie Museum

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Governor Ernest Vandiver

Dear Sir:

Last week my wife and I and two children went camping at Black Rock Mountain State Park in Rabun County. We had never done anything like this before, so entered upon the project with some trepidation.

I just want to tell you what a fine time we had and to tell you how impressed we were with the operation of the State Park and particularly the kindness and assistance of the Superintendent, Mr. Christian.

During our stay we rode over to the Great Smokie National Park. We looked at some of the camp sites there and they simply could not compare with the State Parks in Georgia.

We also stopped a couple of times at the roadside parks which have been developed by the Georgia Parks Commission and were greatly impressed with the work that has been done here.

With all best wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,

Edward T. Brennan
Savannah, Ga.

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Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago, in response to my telephone request, your office was kind enough to send me some very interesting and useful information on camping in our state parks. The information was sent promptly and I found it to be not only clear and concise but also attractive.

As a result of this information, I visited Unicoi State Park on May 5th and 6th, camping overnight in the park. I had a most enjoyable week-end. I found Unicoi beautiful and well kept. The park superintendent, Mr. L. Vandiver, made my wife and me feel welcome, was very helpful, and extended us every courtesy. I intend to return to Unicoi and also to try camping in other of our state parks.

The purpose of this letter is to compliment you and your department on the fine job you are doing in managing and maintaining the parks and also to thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Simpson
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Sir:

It was recently my pleasure to camp at the Camp Stephen Foster State Park, Fargo, Georgia, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend the manager, George A. Sirians, for the courteous manner in which he treated our party. He made our stay most enjoyable, which added to our pleasant memories of the Okefenokee Swamp.

You have a beautiful park and we are looking forward to coming again sometime in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. R. Fellows
Decatur, Ga.

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Common sense is not so common.

---Voltaire

PERSONNEL NEWS

Mrs. Marie Simonton of General Office has moved to Florida with her family to operate the George Washington Hotel at Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Roena Moye now fills the position left vacant by Mrs. Simonton as Confidential Secretary to Mr. Collier.

Mrs. Charlotte Bruggmann has replaced Mrs. Chris Jones as secretary to Mr. Struble. Mrs. Jones resigned because of the ill health of herself and her young son.

Mrs. Grace Youngblood is the new stenographer in the Engineers' Office.

Mr. David Thomason has joined the General Office staff as Draftsman.

Mr. McGarity has resigned to go with the U.S. Corps of Engineers stationed in Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Peter Palmer is now with the U.S. Government Forestry Service.

Mrs. Jeanelle Robertson is the new Curator at Indian Springs Museum, Indian Springs, Ga.

Mr. James A. Royal is the new Curator at the World War I and II Museum at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park, Cordele, Ga.

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A guide in the North Georgia Mountains, when asked why he was lacking the first finger of his right hand, answered:

"I've been a guide for 25 years, now, and I just naturally wore that finger off pointing out places of interest to inquisitive tourists."

---The Lake Reporter
June 1962 Edition

TIMELY TOPICS

Washing dishes and greasy articles in the tubs and lavatories at the comfort stations cannot be permitted. The entire sewage system will be clogged if this is done.

The cardboard "Official Notice", recently sent to every Park that has a comfort station, is to be replaced by a permanent sign in the near future. Some people will disregard the signs. Please do what you can to explain why this regulation is necessary and try to make certain that violations do not occur.

A Reminder - Water samples of drinking water are to be sent to the Georgia Department of Public Health each month. Have you sent yours for June??

Monthly Attendance Records are important and are used for good purposes. They should be as accurate as possible. We count on each Park Superintendent to send attendance records to the General Office on time.

Span worms, during the past few years, have been a great nuisance in the northeastern section of our state. Vogel and Black Rock Mtn. State Parks were particularly hard hit. We are happy to report that the spraying by helicopter has proven most effective in controlling the span worm.

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Because of a recent but very temporary situation, we are sure that Mr. James Royal, our Curator for the new World War I and II Museum, will appreciate this joke.

Supply officer: "How does your new uniform fit?"

Recruit: "The jacket isn't bad, but the trousers are just a little loose around the armpits."

P A R K N E W S

A. H. STEPHENS STATE PARK
Crawfordville T. E. Darden, Supt.

The Group Camp at A. H. Stephens is doing a booming business this season. We are booked solid through Labor Day.

Tent Camping has increased since we have a new area which was completed last year.

We've had lots of compliments on our new bath house at the public swimming area, but the rain and cool weather have cut down on the number of swimmers.

Large groups from the Group Camp are visiting the Museum and Liberty Hall each week. We also have had several school groups.

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AMICALOLA STATE PARK
Juno E. C. Collins, Supt.

We have really been crowded with school picnics and parties. Our park is only 16 miles from Dawsonville, 18 from Ellijay, 20 from Jasper and 18 from Dahlonega.

Our 4 shelters are filled every week with family reunions and groups of some sort in and out about every week end. But, as Clay Morgan said, "It is mighty little money you get out of them; they come prepared."

Our comfort station has not been okayed by the State Inspector as of this writing.

Seems our dry spell is about over. We are having plenty of rain and the grass is growing again.

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That "Extra Mile" suffers no traffic jams.

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
Mountain City J. L. Christian

Black Rock attendance was very good in May. Easter Sunrise Services were held under the cross by the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School and Dillard Community. About 225 attended.

Our camping area is beginning to pick up in spite of the cool weather. We have had 108 campers this week. We also had several rains, which were very welcome.

The shower house is enjoyed by all campers and we would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Collier for this addition to our park.

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BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK
Elberton M. B. Andrews, Supt.

Our park is becoming green and beautiful again after so much rain.

During the month of May we had lots of picnickers and tent campers among whom was the Golden Age Club of Tignall, Ga.

We have also had boating, skiing, and good fishing.

Due to the hot weather of June, many of our visitors leave our park seeking a swimming area. A swimming pool would really add and mean much to our park.

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Is there a traitor in our midst?!

The definition of Family Camping, according to one of our secretaries who has never tried it -

"A survival course for parents."

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HARD LAROE CREEK STATE PARK
Rutledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

The rains came, the grass turned green again and most everyone is happy. We were one month without rain. During the hot dry spell we had lots of swimmers.

Work is still progressing on our Family Tent Camp area. It will not be too long now - we hope.

Our Day Use facilities are being used to full capacity. School closing time was here and family reunion time is beginning.

Three museum cases and one large N.P.S. type sign were completed and installed by our Maintenance Shop crew at Georgia Veterans Memorial Park. Also screen doors were made up and installed at the Indian Springs Museum.

We enjoyed our superintendents' In-Service Training Program very much with the exception of Mr. Collier not being able to be with us. We feel that it was one of the best. Josie's food was delicious as always; and George's wonderful hospitality is always enjoyed too.

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INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK
Indian Springs B. F. McMichael

A new attraction at Indian Springs State Park is the Indian Museum which already has proven to be a valuable asset. Mrs. Robertson, the Curator, is on hand to welcome each visitor.

One of our most popular sites is the camping area, which has been completed this year. Each week our visitors increase in number and they are very complimentary about the grounds, comfort station, picnic shelter, and the location of the camping area.

Among the various activities that take place here at the park, fishing seems to be a favorite. Many "cook-outs" are held here at the lake.

People from far and near enjoy the facilities of our park. Many reunions, club meetings, and business meetings are held here. We also have many tourists, church groups, school groups, and individuals who have found our park a delightful place to visit.

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARK
Waycross C. H. Morgan, Supt.

We are just getting out of the "drouls". No swimming and no skiing. On one end of the highway leading into the park is a sign reading "Construction next 12 miles" and on the other highway leading into the park, a sign reading "Construction next 5 miles". Now the area where the swimming pool will be built is nothing but a maze of ditches. You have to have an aerial photo to get in or out of the park. But we are coming along anyway. Our picnic crowds have increased at least 50% but our lake front crowd has diminished at least 90%. The rains have belted us to no end. Next week we will, weather permitting, repair the roads inside the park. At present we have a sea of red clay in many areas about 6" deep.

We have had our share of family reunions this year. Checking over our date calendar, I find that we have had 20 so far this month, (May). Most of them were FIG ones, too. Our Boy Scout camping has increased. Have had troops from Atlanta, Jacksonville, Brunswick, Birmingham, Savannah, Waycross, Dawson, Macon and Alma. Most of them had their Council Permits, too.

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARK (continued)

Out of 12 signed Group Camp contracts, we had all but two cancelled. This was, of course, due to the lake being condemned for swimming and skiing. This week marks the last of the campers for this year. We are so sorry, too, for we get a kick out of our campers.

After our road got its new coat of construction and was opened up again, our tent and trailer business picked up. We hope nothing else will obstruct or impede progress at this park.

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LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

McRae Lee Willcox, Supt.

We are busy as bees in a tar bucket down here. We opened our new trailer and tent camping area Sunday. Everyone seems to like it. The swimming area is open, after a little delay due to poisoning for the water growth. Mrs. Kelly is in charge of swimming and concessions in that department.

Picnickers and family reunions are pouring in.

We were all so grieved over the tragic airplane crash and particularly so when we learned that Mr. Collier's daughter was among the casualties. Our deepest sympathy goes to him and his family. May their faith and God's presence sustain them.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The largest animal ever to inhabit the earth was - not the prehistoric dinosaur, but the present-day blue whale. The smallest, a species of rodent called a shrew, is only one and one-half inches tall.

RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Cartersville J. D. Clark, Supt.

Red Top Mountain State Park had a total of 4,109 paid swimmers for the month of May.

The new comfort station has been opened and is in use in the camping area.

Red Top Mountain and George Washington Carver's beaches have been sanded and they look good.

Miss Hammack paid us a visit this week and we hope she will visit us more while filling in for Miss Rankin.

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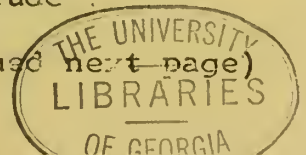
ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARK

Lincolnton J. F. Fortson, Supt.

Ol' Elijah would really be twistin' in his grave if he knew of the attendance boom at the memorial to him down my way at Elijah Clark State Park near Lincolnton. Students, on returning home from college, with their suitcases still hot from the ride, hop in their jalopies and head for the sun so that they can squeeze in those last minutes of freedom before grades arrive. I hope there's enough sun to go around in case the 5600 sunbathers we had in May all show up on the same day.

With the grace of a steam shovel, eager fathers gulp down the regular Saturday morning's breakfast and stroll to the lake, hoping that the fish will beg to be caught. Each starry-eyed fisherman assures himself that this is THE day for him to get Herman, that 8-pound bass nobody has succeeded in catching. Little does he know that there have been around 900 fishermen and fisherwomen plus 1500 boaters in May who forced Herman to return to his "fortress of solitude".

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ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARK (cont'd)

And what would Junior do (who can't swim and doesn't have gills) without his routine venture to the barrels, forcing his mother and the lifeguards into the water? I guess he could help keep count of our 60% out-of-state cars, but I don't think he has that many fingers or toes. What does Junior do? Yep! Gets lost looking for the ice cream man. He is finally found wandering from picnic table to picnic table picking up scraps left over from the noon meals. Sometimes I wonder what the size of a pile of scraps would look like if our 2800 May picnickers each donated a handful.

Since this State Park is known for its tent camping, I should say a few words about our 1504 campers we had during May. It must be great to come to Elijah Clark and spend a week playing the role of Daniel Boone. Cooking dinner is simple for mother - she simply opens two or three cans. And if she gets tired of this, she can always run up to the concession stand and let Johnny fix enough hamburgers (with onions) for the whole family. Dad knows he can get away without shaving - he doesn't need to shower either. "After all," he convinced himself, "My daily swim does the job." And Sis knows that she needs to get a tan whether the sun is shining or not, as long as our two lifeguards are on duty. She doesn't miss out on the dancing either. Mr. Bill is always available to teach the Twist or U.T. (in his own style).

The water is great for skiing and sailing too! The barbecue grills are ideal for picnics, and there is plenty of space for wiener roasts. Elijah Clark's house will be open soon for exhibition and there will be plenty of antiques for you who had rather visit antique shops than watch

American Bandstand. Why, our own Mr. Fortson originated the dirt mounds to protect the tents.

All in all, I think we have a great park, and my only regret is that Elijah himself isn't here to enjoy it with us.

(The above impressions of a State Park during the early summer were written by Miss Beth Turner, a member of Mr. Fortson's staff. Our congratulations to Miss Turner. We think her comments were more graphic than a picture - and much more interesting.)

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SIDNEY LANIER

He taught the world to love the
lyric sound
Of Nature's voice in every hurrying
stream.
Song of the Chattahoochee will be
found
A rarer song as long as poets
dream.
He made each humble marsh a land
alive
With charm; a holy temple cleansed
of sin,
Where all who in God's greatness
strive
May see the glory of the Marsh of
Glynn.

He robbed Gethsemane of its mortal
blow,
Reminding lonely lives that woods
are kind.
Man may forget to heal a brother's
woe,
But the silent hills to grief are
never blind.
The world finds strength to bear
the secret pang
Of sorrow's thrust, because Lanier
sang.

---Gardner L. Green
Tolue, Ga.

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CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK
Rising Fawn J. M. Crawford, Supt.

What do I know? I know the long dry spell is over; we are having rain. The grass and flowers were looking sick, but now everything is fresh and green again.

We are having lots of week-end visitors - far ahead of last year at this time. A large group of teachers had a cook-out here. They were from Dade, Walker, and Catoosa Counties. Also had the New Salem Improvement Club for a covered dish supper, and several family reunions. Tent campers, too, have begun to come in. . . .

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK
Kingsland M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Our new diving board is attracting much attention and bringing new swimmers to our pool. We have already noticed an increase in swimmers this year. Also, our new comfort station is about complete and our new trailer park is indeed a fine asset to the park, with many compliments by visitors, especially from Jacksonville, Fla.

The Brunswick Motor Boat Club visited our park on May 6 and brought 20 boats and 100 people. They spent the day in the barbecue area. Dr. Taylor, who was in charge, praised everything highly. The Boat Regatta left at 5:30 P.M. and was a beautiful sight to see.

We are making reservations right along on birthday and family reunions of many prominent families. In May we had Mrs. Flora Tomlinson's family of 35 people; Kingsland Methodist Church; Kingsland PTA; 65 people headed by Senator Charles Smith; a group with a Barbecue Box Supper from Kingsland; West Side Baptist Church

group of 40 girls; and a private swimming party of 25 people. Troop 218 from St. Mary's, Ga. came out to spend the night and had their Scout ceremonies, which were very impressive. A number of people attended.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK
Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo we are having picnics, club groups, church groups, Scouts, and family reunions. We have visitors every day. The closing day of school we were really crowded with picnickers. Every available space was taken.

We were sorry to learn "Mr. Mc" is leaving the Department but wish him every success in his new position.

Hope Miss Rankin has a pleasant and successful summer at Camp Chimney Rock.

We had a most welcome shower or two last week. Most of our grass is dead and some of the trees were beginning to die.

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GA. VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK
Cordele George Greene, Supt.

Welcome, Miss Sue Hammack!

We are happy to state that the World War I and II Museum is off to a fine start. With support from Mr. Collier and Miss Rankin, and Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem who made a stirring dedication speech and cut the red ribbon, we are now in business. The first Sunday showed a paid admission of 97. On the second Sunday there were


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GA. VETERANS MEMORIAL (continued)

over 120 that paid. Most everyone is amazed at the professional look. Thanks, Barbara.

Jimmy Royal is the Curator. Hope all of you can get to know him in the future.

Several rains have ended our seven-week dry period. Shrubs and grass are rapidly coming back to normal.



On June 7, under the direction of "Bud" Stone, Superintendent of Cordele-Crisp County Recreation Dept., and with the cooperation of the Red Cross, we held a Swimming Workshop at our pool. Approximately 25 attended. We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Lee Willcox, Mrs. J. M. Kelly, and Duke Harris - all of Little Ocrulgee; also Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Flowers, and Mr. Up-

church from Gordonville (I liked Reidsville better). Among others were: Mr. H. D. Norris, South Georgia Trade School at Americus; Miss Dale Fain of the Montezuma City Pool; Mr. Bill Parsons of Bainbridge; and Mr. Turpin, with four life guards, from Americus.

Mr. Ernst Skalla of S and S Company, and Mr. Patrick Baker of Olin Mathieson Chemicals, took part in the program along with Mr. Stone.

The discussions ranged over pools, pool equipment, sanitation and life guarding, with emphasis on "Prevent rather than Save". A question and answer period terminated the program.

During May, the Game and Fish Commission rated Lake Blackshear as offering the tops in fishing

throughout the state.

On June 8, construction began on our comfort station. I suppose it helps to believe in Santa Claus'

Wish we could ship some of this 98 degree heat up to Tom Winkler. He would know how to use it.

On June 1, the Georgia Power Co. held a Safety Program and barbecue here with 170 attending. Mr. Fowen and Mr. Rainwater represented the home office in Atlanta.

On June 10, 200 men of the 230th Signal Battalion of Jackson, Tenn. will camp overnight with us. They will attend two-weeks camp at Fort Stewart, and stop over again with us on June 22.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK
Royston F. H. Hill, Supt.

I have my park in good shape and am having good attendance. We have our new well drilled and tested. It is O.K.

Two new rest rooms are being built on the south side of the Creek.

The Dalton Candlewick Corporation employees were out for a barbecue on May 26.

The Reeves Family Reunion was held last Sunday, May 27; and a troop of Girl Scouts from Athens was here on June 1.

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Lack of will power causes more failures than lack of intelligence or ability.

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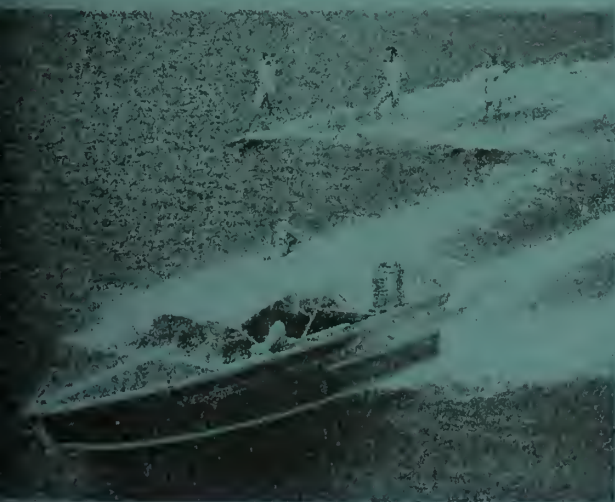


FUN IN THE SUN

ON

AND

AROUND THE WATER



Charles A. Collier
Director

Barbara Rankin
Editor

WATER FOR RECREATION

For years we have read in the various encyclopedia that water covers about three-fourths of the earth's surface. That is not even including man-made lakes and swimming pools. Since this is true, perhaps it isn't surprising that recreation in, on, and around the water has increased tremendously during the past ten or twelve years. People love to swim, picnic near a lake or stream, beach comb, fish, sail, canoe, power boat, and water ski. The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review found that forty-four per cent of the population prefer water-recreation activities over other types, and there is every indication that interest and enthusiasm will continue to increase.

Our Department of Georgia State Parks, aware of this trend, has provided more water acreage for water sports, has improved beaches, built swimming pools and bath houses; restocked and fertilized Park lakes for better fishing, provided life guards and safe boats with safety equipment.

Parks, in contrast to organized camps, do not have an opportunity to teach swimming skills and the safe handling and use of boats. They can, however, do some things that will help to inform and encourage water safety.

In this limited space it is impossible to go into detail about safety regulations for the various activities that take place in, on, and around the Park lakes and pools. Here are a few questions to ask yourself. Hopefully, you can give affirmative answers to each one. If not, what immediate action can you take to improve the situation?

Swimming Pool and Waterfront Safety

Was the person you chose as Life Guard selected wisely - has mature judgment and commands respect?

Is the Life Guard(s) alert and on the job at all times during swimming hours?

Is each swimming section marked properly - by lemon lines, seine floats or oil drums?

Are waterfront or pool rules and regulations up-to-date and posted in a conspicuous place?

Are docks, diving boards, slides and rafts in good repair?

Boating Safety

Are all rental boats and canoes kept in good working condition and provided with essential safety equipment?

Do you know the Georgia Boating Safety Regulations?

Is some effort made to inform Park visitors who rent boats about these safety regulations and to enforce same?

Water Skiing Safety

Water skiing is great fun and a popular activity on some of our Park lakes. The visitor, of course, brings his own power boat, equipment for skiers, and safety equipment. This means there is no opportunity and, generally, no occasion for Park personnel to advise or supervise this activity. In case some of you wish to post on your Bulletin Board some safety factors for water skiing, here are a few suggestions:

- It is important to match boats and motors for best performance. Most boats carry a plate stating the recommended maximum horsepower any boat is designed to carry.
- Tow ropes should be attached to eyebolts installed on the transom.
- Essential equipment in each boat: one life jacket or cushion for each person on board; oars or paddles; ample lines; whistle or horn; first-aid kit; knife; extra shear pins for motor; fire extinguisher; extra plugs; tool kit.
- There should always be two in a boat - one to drive, one to observe the skier.

Everyone agrees that water is a key element in outdoor recreation, that it is a prime factor in many recreation activities, and enhances recreation on land. Many Georgia State Parks have good water resources that are attractive and properly maintained. At the same time, let us do what we can to promote safety in, on, and around the water.

TIMELY TOPICS

International Friendship -

Every day the General Office receives many letters requesting information about our Georgia State Parks. Approximately 80% of these come from outside the state. This month we received a letter from West Germany. Here are some excerpts:

"As a teacher in a big Grammar School here in Brunswick, I am interested in all kinds of information from various parts of the world that can be given to our intelligent and responsive girls (aged 10 to 19) We would be most grateful for any descriptive and illustrated literature that you can send to us The girls, their families and friends are keen on getting first-hand and reliable information on various parts of the world. It not only increases their interest in the English language but broadens their views generally.... and brings us more closely together."

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Park Practice Grist -

As a newcomer to the Georgia Department of State Parks, I have read, for the first time, a copy of Grist, issued by the National Conference on State Parks.

In my opinion, the May/June issue contains some of the best ideas and/or suggestions to be found in any "house organ" of this time. Though you are extremely busy, it is very worthwhile reading and you may find just the right answer to some of your problems.

---Sue Hammack

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some 200 years ago, a scholar, writing about the decline and fall of the Athenian Republic, said: "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It exists only until the voters discover they can vote themselves a gift out of the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public's treasury."

Will we let such a tragedy happen to America?

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Georgia, Georgia Valley
and plain,
Mountains caressing the sky,
Sons and daughters greet Thee
again,
Holding your emblem on high.

From your plateaus to your sea-
kissed shore,
In honor, we hail Thee and pledge
not to fail Thee,
God helping us to be
Brave as our fathers, who loved
Thee before us,
Georgia, forevermore!

(New Georgia Song -
passed by last Georgia
Legislature)

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For Your Information

- 1) Sleeping in cars, other than camp trailers, in a State Park area is not permitted.
- 2) Each group or family must be properly registered when staying overnight or longer in a Georgia State Park.

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Dear Mr. Collier:

We were pleased to receive a letter some time ago stating that we would be responsible for running our own anteen this year. We heartily agree that much less candy and drinks is in keeping with good health and good camping.

We enjoy Camp Stephens so much. It is a beautiful camp and it is kept in wonderful condition.

Cordially yours,

A. C. Mackey
Children's Bible
Mission, Inc., Athens

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Gentlemen:

Our family had a rather unusual experience in Black Rock Mountain State Park last year. We've been intending to write to you about it ever since, thinking you might want to publish our story in your State Park Newsletter. A year later, here's the tale.

We were camping with a Nimrod trailer pulled by a Ford Galaxie. We had planned to spend the night in Black Rock Mountain Park, but missed the turn to the campground and continued climbing till we were about one-quarter mile from the picnic area with its magnificent view. All of a sudden there was a horrible clanking noise and the car refused to go any further. We backed off to a wide spot in the road and considered our situation with some uneasiness. We were mother, father, teen-age boy, two dogs, and two cats, enroute from our Florida home to a summer cottage in the Catskills, New York State. To be stuck on the side of

a mountain with that entourage on a Sunday night looked rather unfavorable. Very soon along came the park superintendent's truck, driven by a very kind gentleman named Mr. J. L. Christian, who reminded me of Burl Ives. It seems he was growing a beard for Rabun County's Pioneer Celebration.

He proved to be an angel in disguise. Permission was given for us to camp right where we were. On Monday morning the Ford people from Clayton took the car away. Monday afternoon Mr. Christian drove me to Clayton to replenish our supplies. Tuesday morning the Ford agency reported that the automatic transmission was completely shot. The cost of repairs, and the time involved, made a new car seem advisable, so we purchased a Comet station wagon from them. This is currently taking us on another camping trip - this time without dogs and cats.

To return to our Black Rock Mountain stay - aside from losing our car, the span worms were a plague last year. We felt concerned because of the damage they were doing to Mr. Christian's beautiful park. We only hope they have left him for good this year.

On this last trip, we stayed in Cloudland Canyon State Park and found the superintendent most friendly and helpful. The park is well-named, and the views magnificent. The place reminded us of Pine Creek Gorge in Pennsylvania.

We think Georgia State Parks are beautifully situated and are pleased to see them being modernized. All the employees are very polite.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie and
Carl Fowler
Carl, Jr.
Miami, Florida

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG (continued)

Dear Sir:

It was recently my pleasure to camp at the Camp Stephen Foster State Park, Fargo, Georgia, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend the manager, George L. Sirmans, for the courteous manner in which he treated our party. He made our stay most enjoyable, which added to our pleasant memories of the Okefenokee Swamp.

You have a beautiful park and we are looking forward to going again sometime in the future.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Fellows
Decatur, Georgia

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Copy of letter received by General Office, addressed to Mr. Dodson (Warner, Rutledge, Ga.) - as follows:

Dear Dodson:

Relatedly, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the use of your barbecue area for our Group Safety Dinner, which everyone enjoyed very much. I have heard numerous comments from all the people there on what an ideal place it is for outings such as this.

More than the location, we always appreciate your courteous manner, and the cleanliness and orderly manner in which you supervise the park. I have heard many favorable comments from many different people along this line, and everyone in Morgan County and surrounding areas are proud to have such an excellent park run in such an excellent manner.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Rhodes
Georgia Power Co.
Madison, Ga.

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Dear Sirs:

We wish to thank you for providing Amicalola State Park with a most helpful and gracious Park Superintendent.

A group of adults and children, members of the "Rawhide Riders Trail Club" took their horses to Amicalola State Park the past week-end for a camp-out and mountain ride. Superintendent Collins met the horse vans and was very helpful and kind in assisting us prepare the animals for the trip up the mountain to camp. He offered to taxi some of the group to the top of the mountain.

In particular, we want to thank him for permitting us to park the vans in the rear of his home overnight in order to provide safety for the vehicles.

We hope that you will properly thank Superintendent Collins again for us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Val B. Beaty
Decatur, Georgia

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Good intentions are wasted if we're unwilling to make the effort to convert them into good deeds.

--Corinne Secor

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COMMON THINGS

LOOK UP!

The things I prize of greatest
worth,
Are just the common things of
earth:

The rain, the sun, the grass,
the trees;
The flowers, the birds, the
glorious breeze,
Clouds that pass, the stars that
shine,
Mountains, valleys - all are mine!
Rivers broad, and open sea,
Are riches none can take from me.

Oh, God is here on every hand -
Upon the sea, upon the land.
And day by day my thanks I give
That with these common things
I live.

---Author Unknown

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A potent factor in health is the
cultivation of a habit of happiness.
There is a joy in healthful living
attainable at any age, and a con-
duct of life in harmony with each
individual's needs and powers.

---Georgia's Health
Dec. 1961 issue

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Don't be a litterbug. You can
take it with you!

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There is nothing so much alive and
yet so quiet as a woodland; and a
pair of people, swinging past in
canoes, feel very small and
oustling by comparison. I wish our
way had always lain among woods.
Trees are the most civil society.

---Robert Louis Stevenson

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Many take it for granted that
progress means the gradual elim-
ination of everything which God
and Nature put into our world,
and the substitution for it of the
conveniences which man has made.

I like many of them well enough
myself, and I have no illusions
concerning the "Noble Savage".
Civilized life is the only truly
human life. I will take wild
flowers and television if I can
have them both. But a civiliza-
tion which has no appreciation of
or love for the beauties of Nature
is only a new kind of barbarism.

It is good that we have our parks,
our museums, our nature-study
clubs. Nevertheless, opportuni-
ties to see wild birds in flight
or a wild flower blooming in
lonely loveliness grow few and
fewer because we do not value them
enough.

Of course, we need paved highways.
But we need quiet wood roads, too.
We need television, yet we also
need the opportunity to see geese
flying against the autumn sky.
Unless we realize how much we need
these simple pleasures, the time
may come when we won't have them.
"Nature is the Art of God", and a
flower is more wonderful than the
most ingenious of man's machines.

---Joseph Wood Krutch
"Words To Live By"

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A good tree cannot bring forth
evil fruit.

---Matthew

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Those rainy days we save for
usually turn up during vacation.

---The Right Hand

VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK
Royston F. H. Hill, Supt.

We had the Rucker Family Reunion and the Argo Reunion on June 11. On June 15, we had a Youth Camp Group of 150 people from North Carolina.

Sunday, June 17, there was just a normal crowd. On Sunday, June 24, we had the Martin Family Reunion, the Shirley Family Reunion (the family of Mr. Ray Shirley, State Forestry Director), and the Crow Family Reunion. Also here was the Fairview Sunday School Rally. The C.B. Radio Broadcasters had supper at this park on June 16, with 250 present.

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARK
Waycross C. H. Morgan, Supt.

Our swimming pool is running behind its scheduled completion date. We hoped it would be open before the season ended but now it looks doubtful. The lake appears lonesome without boats and skiers, and that "long green" is missing, too. No doubt when we open next year it will be with a bang. Already we have organizations wanting to make reservations for group camps.

We are able to say the picnicking crowds have increased by 50% since we have the new shed with lights and water. We have really had some compliments about these sheds.

We are having some of the hottest weather - 100 degrees almost daily. Looks like we are going to have to requisition some air conditioners for some of our buildings if we stay in them much longer.

The new sewage disposal plant is a honey. It works so smooth. Never has given any trouble at all. The plant has been checked several times by the health authorities and it has always been just right. But, boy! Does it use the power!

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GA. VETERANS MEM. STATE PARK
Cordele George Greene, Supt.

During June we had an estimated 23,350 visitors. A daily average of 7 2/10 cottages were rented to a daily average of 23 8/10 guests. We had 304 tent camper days and 298 trailer camper days, and we had 3,066 paid admissions at the pool, not counting the cabin guests. 826 people visited the museum during its first full calendar month. They came from 22 different states, also China and Cuba.

We have been swamped with questions about the completion of our comfort station. I just hope that Roy and I will not be ridden off on a rail before it is ready for use.

Our main fishing pier is being rebuilt. This will serve and please many people, especially our night fishermen. Visitors certainly appreciate the addition to our restroom facilities at the Tackle Bar.

The electric cooling and heating equipment is 95% completed in the museum and restaurant. I urge each one of you to tell anyone coming this way about our museum. It is especially popular with campers. They are hungry for any historical and geographical information.

Some of you may not know that on opening day of the museum we received letters and telegrams from

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A. VETERANS MEM. STATE PARK (cont'd)

he offices of President Kennedy and General Eisenhower, and from Senator Talmadge, General Mark Clark, General A. R. Bolling, General Rougher; sometime later, a letter and an autographed picture from General Jimmy Doolittle; and a letter in longhand from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, with an autographed picture containing a special note to World War II veterans.

n or about July 12, we will receive the Navy Lt. Commander uniform of Senator Talmadge.

est wishes to Mrs. Simonton in her hotel at Daytona Beach. A World War II WAC Sergeant, she gave her uniform to this museum.

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WARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

utledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

uring the month of June our facilities were used to full capacity.

three of the larger groups using our Day Use Area facilities in June were: the Morgan County Masonic Association's annual Family Day with approximately 400 attending; the International Furniture Company employees and families with approximately 250 attending; and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Milledgeville, Georgia, with approximately 25 people attending. Numerous other groups - church and family reunion - also used our facilities.

e had a nice visit from Miss Sue Hammack and we welcome her to our old. We wish for her much success during her stay with us.

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Kingsland M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Our new comfort station has been completed and turned over to the State by the contractor. It is a beautiful building in a setting of pine and oak trees - well-shaded - and the people can well be proud of it. We hope that the land around this building will be cleared and roads built for entry into the new trailer area.

We had 3 family reunions during June, totaling about 155 people who came from various small cities in South Georgia. St. Mary's, Georgia, held their annual St. John's Day on June 24th in one of our picnic shelters and about 65 were present. Also, the Baptist Church in St. Mary's held their annual outing of the Intermediate Class of Young People on June 29, with 25 people attending. All of these groups had a nice time and complimented the park on its beauty and neatness.

We are also receiving many compliments on our new air conditioning units as well as our new filter system in the pool and new diving board.

We have welcomed visitors and guests from Jacksonville and other cities in Florida, as far south as Miami. Many people come to this park for its good salt water fishing. One of our guests this week caught 19 salt water trout, weighing from one-half to two pounds each.

It is hoped that the Highway Department will soon pave the roads into our park; this will be a big asset.

Numbers of visitors are using our nice boat ramp to put in for a

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK (cont'd)

Day's fishing in Crooked River, and going out as far as the "Jetties" to the Atlantic Ocean and to return late in the evening.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo we are having very good attendance, especially on week-ends. We are crowded in our picnic area with picnickers, church groups, clubs, and family reunions. We have only two stoves and there is always someone waiting for a stove.

Our lawns are looking much better since we have had a few showers recently.

We enjoyed Miss Sue Hammack's visit to our park recently. Mr. Struble also came by last week.

There is much excitement around here over the prospects of work to begin soon for the further development of Yargo Park.

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UNICOI STATE PARK

Helen Lat Vandiver, Supt.

We got through the Fourth of July with flying colors. There was a large crowd swimming, picnicking, with the camping area running over. This season, so far, is even better than the past season.

Last week we had campers from ten states in the camping area. We have another promise that part of our road will be paved. Roads are the biggest handicap at Unicoi.

The Comfort station is in use at the camping area, but not completely finished.

Our two Bulletin Boards have been delivered. I will put them up when I find the best location.

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NEWS NOTES

Construction of two more tourist information centers and the operation of a third have been authorized in Georgia.

One is located on Interstate 75, just south of the Tennessee line. Another will be on Interstate 85 near the South Carolina line. The third, constructed by Chatham County and the City of Savannah, will be on 17A in Savannah.

The new centers will be architecturally similar to the existing one in Sylvania.

--Georgia Commerce Dept.

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Lenox Square, Atlanta's fabulous shopping center, will be the scene of a special event called Salute to Growing Georgia on Aug. 27 through Sept. 1. Governor Vandiver has requested that each State Department present an interesting picture of their State Governmental activities. We expect thousands of visitors.

Needless to say, the Georgia Dept. of State Parks hopes to have an exhibit that will show the public how their tax dollars are being spent. You probably will be hearing more about this event as the plans become more finalized.

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Too many Americans are more concerned with something jingling in their pocket than with something beating in their heart.

--Sen. Barry Goldwater

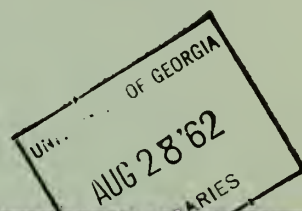
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STATE PARK

VIEWS

AUGUST 1962



A BROAD MARGIN OF LEISURE
IS AS BEAUTIFUL IN A MAN'S LIFE
AS IN A BOOK



Charles A. Collier
Director

Barbara Rankin
Editor

ON MAN AND NATURE

- A broad margin of leisure is as beautiful in a man's life as in a book. Haste makes waste, no less in life than in housekeeping. Keep the time, observe the hours of the universe, not of the railroad cars. What are three score years and ten hurriedly and coarsely lived, to moments of divine leisure in which your life is coincident with the life of the universe?
- When we are unhurried and wise we perceive that only great and worthy things have any permanent and absolute existence - that petty fears and petty pleasures are but the shadow of reality. This is always exhilarating and sublime.
- Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.
- Our thoughts are the epochs of our lives; all else is but as a journal of the winds that blew while we were here.
- You must converse much with the field and woods, if you would imbibe such health into your mind and spirit as you covet for your body.

---Henry Thoreau

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I wish I wuz a little rock
A settin' on the hill
A doing nothing all day long
But just a settin' still.

I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't sleep,
I wouldn't even wash,
I'd just sit down a thousand years
And rest myself, by gosh!

That's a little rhyme youngsters used to repeat years ago. It does not say very much but immediately you get a mental picture of a person sitting alone against a tree, completely relaxed, chewing a piece of grass and enjoying the solitude and beauties of the outdoor world.

The word "recreation" has many different meanings and is used to cover a great variety of activities. Most everyone will agree that "Recreation" is the opposite of "work"; recognizing, however, that an activity that is recreation for one person may be drudgery for another; i.e., building a boat, making a paddle, or even painting a picture.

Definitions of "leisure" also vary a great deal. One that is acceptable reads "Leisure is free time after all duties, obligations, and other practical necessities have been attended to." All this is by way of saying that vast numbers of people spend their leisure pursuing recreational activities.

The demand for recreation has greatly increased during the past ten years. There are four major reasons: Shorter work hours - more leisure time; the mobility of our population; higher incomes; increase in population. Experts predict that by 1980 the demand for recreation will increase 400 per cent. The wise or worthy use of leisure can be a great boon to the individual and to society - wasted or misused leisure can become a serious problem. This is a direct challenge to every agency concerned with recreation.

The Georgia Department of State Parks is, of course, only one of the many agencies trying to meet some of the recreational needs. In light of the prediction above, there is a tremendous job ahead of us. State Park Superintendents are in a position to observe which recreational activities are most in demand and to help the General Office to plan intelligently and to provide the facilities that will keep pace with the increasing demands - thus meeting the needs and interests of the public.

It is often said, and rightly so, "Where there is no leisure, there is little or no culture."

*Leisure and Recreation by Martin H. and Esther S. Neumeyer.
The Ronald Press Co. 1955, New York

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Spare moments are the gold dust of time. Of all the portions of our life, the spare moments are the most fruitful in good or evil.

Many of you will be interested in seeing the rates and fees that are charged by State Parks in some of our neighboring States, as shown in the chart below.

STATE PARK
OVERNIGHT CAMPING RATES & FEES

(As submitted by Individual State Agency
and compiled by the Florida Park Service)

	ALA.	FLA.	GEORGIA	KY.	MISS.	N. C.	S. C.	TENN.
DAILY CAMPING FEE	\$2.00 Devel. \$1.00 Undev.	\$1.50	\$1.00 Devel. 50¢ Undev.	\$1.00 - 2 pers. 25¢ each add '1 person	\$1.50 \$1.00	\$1.50 - 4 pers. 25¢ each add '1 person	\$1.50 \$1.00	\$1.00 - 4 pers. 25¢ each add '1 person
WEEKLY FEE	\$14.00 Devel. \$7.00 Undev.	\$9.00	\$5.00 Devel. \$2.50 Undev.	\$7.00 - 2 pers. \$1.75 each add '1 person	\$7.00 \$6.00	\$10.50 - 4 pers. \$1.75 each add '1 person	\$10.50 \$7.00	\$5.00 - 4 pers. \$1.25 each add '1 person
DAILY ELECTRIC FEE	---	25¢ where avail- able	25¢	50¢	---	---	Regular fee includes one elec. outlet	---
REMARKS	7-day limit. 14-day limit. Some fishing fees.	No pets 14-day limit. No minors unless accomp. by adult	14-day limit	14-day limit	2-week limit	14-day limit	7-day limit. Pets now. Consid- ering "no pets" regula.	14-day limit

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COMPARISON OF GEORGIA STATE PARK FEES AND CHARGES WITH OTHER STATES

SERVICE CHARGES	IN OTHER STATES	IN GEORGIA
1. <u>Admission to Park</u>	Seventeen (17) States make some charge, ranging from 25¢ daily parking fee to a \$10.00 annual admission fee.	Georgia does not charge.
2. <u>Parking</u> Cars, busses, boats, trailers	-Three (3) States charge parking fee in addition to entrance fee -Four (4) charge parking fee only -Three (3) charge extra for busses and boat trailers	Georgia does not charge.
3. <u>Facility Use</u>		
a) <u>Camping</u>	Thirty-eight (38) States make a charge. Average, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per night per campsite.	Georgia charges 50¢ per night (undeveloped areas), and \$1.00 (developed areas)
b) <u>Swimming, use of bath house or locker</u>	Twenty-five (25) States charge for these services. Average cost, 35¢ for adults, 25¢ for children.	Georgia charges 30¢ for adults, 20¢ for children.
c) <u>Boat Launching</u>	Thirteen (13) States charge a fee for boat launching. Average cost, 50¢ per day.	Georgia does not charge.
d) <u>Cabins</u>	Twenty-five (25) States list overnight rates that range from \$3.00 per day per person (minimum) to \$20.00 per day (maximum). Average, \$6.00 to \$8.00.	Georgia's rates range from \$6.00 for 2 persons to \$15.00 for 8 persons. Weekly rates are less.
4. <u>Funds Available for Park Operation</u>	Funds derived from fees and charges for use of park facilities are 62 3/4% of total spent for park operation in twenty-six (26) State Parks.	Georgia derives only 12 1/2% of cost of operation from fees and charges. Thus, it is evident that charges made by Georgia Parks for park use are exceptionally low.

ELIJAH CLARK STATE PARKLincolnton J.F. Fortson, Supt.

July was an inspiring month for Elijah Clark State Park. The Fourth came around with a bang and ever since, we have really been busy trying to please our many July campers. There was Mrs. Jones who just had to have a second picnic table to put her new hotplate on---we were only short about 200; so you can see we had a time "inching" the area for another. Mr. Bill, at the concession, just couldn't keep enough "honeybuns" for the big eyes and hungry mouths that wanted them. Billy and Hank were so busy carrying garbage to the city dump that they didn't even have time to stop and ask about Mrs. Higginbotham's baby possums.

July 4 was really jam-packed. Above the shrills and squeals of that day, I knew it must have been dinnertime---an echo chimed in with, "Mama, come open some more cans!!" Nevertheless, picnickers didn't hurt the concession stand's business---Sara Beth and Johnny couldn't even finish the last chapters of Auntie Mame and The Egg and I for spreading thick layers of catsup and onions on hamburger buns.

I'm glad to say, in all the rush of last month, that nothing drastic happened on the lake because there was hardly a square foot of water that wasn't covered by either a boat or a skier---4,000 boaters really take up the space.

Our superintendent, Mr. Fortson, and his family will be moving into the park area soon. Their new home was started a few weeks ago, and they plan to move in October. It's really going to be a nice house with plenty of outdoor space for their two boys to catch lizzards and frogs.

(Our thanks again to Miss Beth Turner, member of Mr. Fortson's staff, for such a fine verbal picture of the park's activities.)

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARKKingsland M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Our park has enjoyed a very good season this year. In July we had five family reunions, one Church Training Reunion, one annual church party of 65 people, two birthday parties, and one Boy Scout Troop #220 on an outing from Jacksonville, Fla. Visitors from as far north as Canada and from California have commented highly on the beauties of Crooked River Park, especially the salt water fishing and the historic sites to see while camped here.

We hope to develop trails thru the swamps alongside the river. The tropical scenery is very pretty, overlooking Crooked River from the bluffs. Many skiers come here to use the broad river to have their fun on skis, as well as motor boating and sail boating.

We look forward to a large influx of traffic soon, as construction of the new Thykol Solid Fuel base has started near Brunswick, Ga., on the coast 40 miles from our park.

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARKWaycross Clay Morgan, Supt.

News is rather scarce this month but, as Mr. Collier says, "If your park is open, there should be news."

We are still having an increase in the number of picnickers. Last Sunday we had 7 large family reunions coming from all the southern states. But we are sending away tent and trailer campers every day ---NO SWIMMING. Of course, if they are going north, we send them to Mr. Willcox, and if they are going south, we send them to Mr. DeLoach. With the new swimming pool construction taking so much room, we are now at a disadvantage with our tent and

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARK (cont'd)

and trailer people---just not enough room (real estate).

We are having some of the hottest weather in 20 years, according to the weather man---right around 100 degrees every day. Then, at night, we have mean electrical storms, but the storms do not cool off the atmosphere. We already have cut down 10 large trees that were hit by lightning. A tree is no good after being hit---not even for firewood.

Our campers have been on the increase from Florida, for some reason, and if we had a place for their kids to swim, we would have had a time trying to make room for them. They have all promised to come back next year.

We had a full house for group camping until the news about the lake hit the papers, and then the cancellations started to come in. We have only two left.

Certainly hope we have another training period at Cordele this fall.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo, attendance for July was very good. We had picnickers, family groups, church groups, and tourists, daily.

Every Sunday in July we had one to two family reunions. We also are having a few campers. During the month, we had visitors from Toronto, Canada, Florida, Alabama, Texas, South Carolina and, of course, Georgia. Because of our limited camping facilities, they do not stay over very long.

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GEORGIA VETERANS MEM. STATE PARK

Cordele George Greene, Supt.

July has brought what is probably the hottest weather that we have had during my seven and a half years at this park. August is right in line with a 98 yesterday. Yet, enough rain has fallen to keep our grass growing right along.

Response to our Museum has been favorable. We have had visitors from Canada, China, Cuba, Iraq, and Panama.

Our new camping area has been open for almost two weeks now. Everyone seems to like it fine. Right away, we can see that extra facilities will be needed in the next year or two. Especially will we need more showers. Campers seem to be more pleased with the showers than with any other feature.....

Josie joins me in sending best wishes and warm regards to all. We are grateful for the opportunity of both meeting and getting to know so many of you. It has surely been a pleasure to have had you visit here with us, both at the fine meetings and the individual trips that some have made. When you come this way, please call us on the phone, if only to say "Hello".....

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STEPHEN C. FOSTER STATE PARK

Fargo George Sirmans, Supt.

The Clinch County High School Class of 1951 held a class reunion at S. C. Foster State Park in July. Approximately 2/3 of the class members attended and brought their families. Everyone enjoyed a fish fry and watermelon cutting. Incidentally, I was a member of this 1951 class.

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REPORT YANBOO STATE PARK
Geological Survey, Alaska

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NANCY HART STATE PARK

Elberton Mrs. John Allgood

Nancy Hart Park has had a number of picnics as well as a few reunions. The Palmer reunion was held here Sunday, August 5th, and there were at least one hundred present.

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DID YOU KNOW??

One of the most unusual reference books around is the "Guinness Book of World Records", a compendium of odd statistics about such things as the world's longest sausage (3,000 feet) and slowest railway (10 m.p.h.). You may be interested to learn that the largest oil field is 1,800 square miles, at Oktyabrski, Russia; that the cheapest car ever built was the \$295 1923 Model T; and that the deepest oil well is a 25,340-foot dry hole drilled in Texas in 1958.

---"Our Sun"
Jummer 1962 issue

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I will not hurry through this day!
Lord, I will listen by the way,
To humming bees and singing birds,
To murmuring trees and friendly
words;
And for the moments in between
Seek glimpses of Thy great Unseen.

I will not hurry through this day,
I will take time to think and pray;
I will look up into the sky,
Where fleecy clouds and swallows
fly;
And somewhere in the day, maybe
I will catch whispers, Lord, from
Thee!

---"Meditations Under the Sky"
by Dorothy Wells Pease

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Fisherman: "I tell you, it was that long. I never saw such a fish!"

Friend: "I believe you."

PERSONNEL NEWS

Charles Ray Keasey, a retired colonel of the U.S. Army, has joined the staff of the State Parks Department as Parks Engineer.

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The sudden death last month of Mr. Jack Etheredge, F. D. Roosevelt State Park, was a shock to all who knew him. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Etheredge in her bereavement.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL PERSONNEL OF THE
STATE PARKS DEPARTMENT:

Working with the State Parks Department while Barbara Rankin was on leave of absence has been an interesting and rewarding experience. I take this opportunity to thank each of you for making me feel a "member of the Team", and for your support and cooperation.

As a "born and bred in the Briar Patch" Georgian, and one who loves the out-of-doors and believes in the great value of recreation, I have long been interested in Georgia's Park System. There has been notable progress in the past - may it continue in the future.

Best wishes to all,

SUE HAMMACK
Acting Director
Division of Recreation
and Public Relations

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VACATIONISTS.....NOTE

Watch your children at the beach because this is the time of year when they have no fear of water.... unless it's soapy, of course.

---The Right Hand
August 1962 issue

Out
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Dear Governor Vandiver:

It is a pleasure to write this letter and tell the State of Georgia, the United States and all foreign countries, what a wonderful state park you have at Indian Springs. My family and I have traveled in most of the States and two foreign countries, and we have never as yet met any better Superintendent and State Park employees than you have there, always willing to aid you, day or night. The rest rooms are kept in first class condition at all times and the park is kept in the best condition under the circumstances.

Dear Governor Vandiver:

We have just enjoyed a pleasant week-end at Black Rock Mountain State Park.

We would like to commend the very fine gentleman, Mr. J. L. Christian, the park ranger. Mr. Christian stayed on the job from early in the morning until late at night, seeing that the camp and rest rooms were kept clean and chatting briefly with each camping family.

During your administration, the parks in Georgia have come a long way. In the past, we had to leave the State for a suitable place to camp; now there are several within comfortable driving distance. I must say, though, that none of the others we have visited are as well managed and as clean as Black Rock operated by Mr. Christian.

Sincerely,

James H. Cole
Atlanta, Georgia

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My family and I belong to the Southern Campers Association of Florida and I intend to bring up this park in our meeting on Sept. 6th and recommend that we all stop there while traveling north. Also, I intend to tell our most beloved campers while on the road that I highly recommend this park, without prejudice to any, as being one of the best in the United States.....

Respectfully yours,

Capt. J. L. Baker, Sr.
Upper Key Largo, Fla.

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Dear Sir:

During the month of July this year, we spent several weeks on a camping trip through the South. We had previously requested information on such a trip through Georgia and were promptly serviced.

When we compared the services rendered at the various State Parks in Georgia and other States, we felt that you people at the Little Ocmulgee State Park, near McRae, were the most courteous and hospitable. This is certainly a fine reflection

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG (continued)

on your office - truly Southern Hospitality in action. Thank you.

A. V. Esposito
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Dear Sir:

My family and I had the privilege and opportunity of visiting and camping in several State Parks in Georgia. I would like to thank you and all members of your Department, and the people of Georgia, for providing such wonderful parks, not only for their own pleasure, but for the pleasure of people from other States.

Travelers usually pick one park that, in their opinion, is outstanding. To me, Black Rock Mountain State Park surpasses any park that I have ever been in. I have seen other parks with more natural beauty, but never have I been in a park, including the National Parks, that had the supervision of Black Rock. It gave me great pleasure to see how some take pride in their work.

To the Superintendent of Black Rock I would like to say, I wish we had more men like you in our parks service.....

Yours truly,

Robert J. Bloomfield
Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Miss Rankin:

I have recently become a resident of Georgia and feel it is necessary to write to the person, or persons, responsible for the very enjoyable times I have spent in the State Parks.

The developments in terms of facilities, the excellent locations, the courteous service, and the added attractions offered by such cultural innovations as museums are extraordinary.

May I congratulate you, and thank you, for the pleasant times I have spent in the State Parks. I plan to spend many more pleasant and profitable hours in these pleasant surroundings.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Hernandez
Atlanta, Georgia

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A PRAYER

God of the open air, we kneel reverently in this temple not made with hands. The tall pines lift our thoughts above us to the Source of all this beauty. The singing of the feather-throated choir puts a melody in our hearts, a song of joy and praise and trust. All the discordant notes of the world are muted; all the problems of life are forgotten. We are filled with an inner peace and know that here we have found Thee. As we leave this hallowed spot, may the reality of Thy presence go with us to give us courage and strength for our daily tasks.

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Because of a calendrical switch, the year 1752 had only 271 days---with September 2 followed by September 14. It was the shortest year in history!

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He that plants trees loves others beside himself.

---Thomas Fuller

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 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. H. [Name]
 [Address]

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the various departments of the Government of the State of New York, for the year 1900.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. COLLIER:

The State of Georgia, in cooperation with Lenox Square, Inc., in Atlanta, will present a "Salute to Growing Georgia" program at the Lenox Square shopping center on Peachtree Road, Monday, August 27, through Friday, August 31.

Major State Departments will present exhibits, demonstrations and displays so that the thousands of people who patronize the shopping center may see the many services paid for by their tax dollars.

This is probably the first time that all State Departments have cooperated in a joint exhibition, and it will be an effective means of informing the public about their State Government.

Editor's Note: Needless to say, your Department of State Parks is very busy working on plans for presenting in a dramatic and attractive manner the many services offered to the public. In addition to informing the public about their State Government, we hope it will also result in greater public interest and increased attendance.

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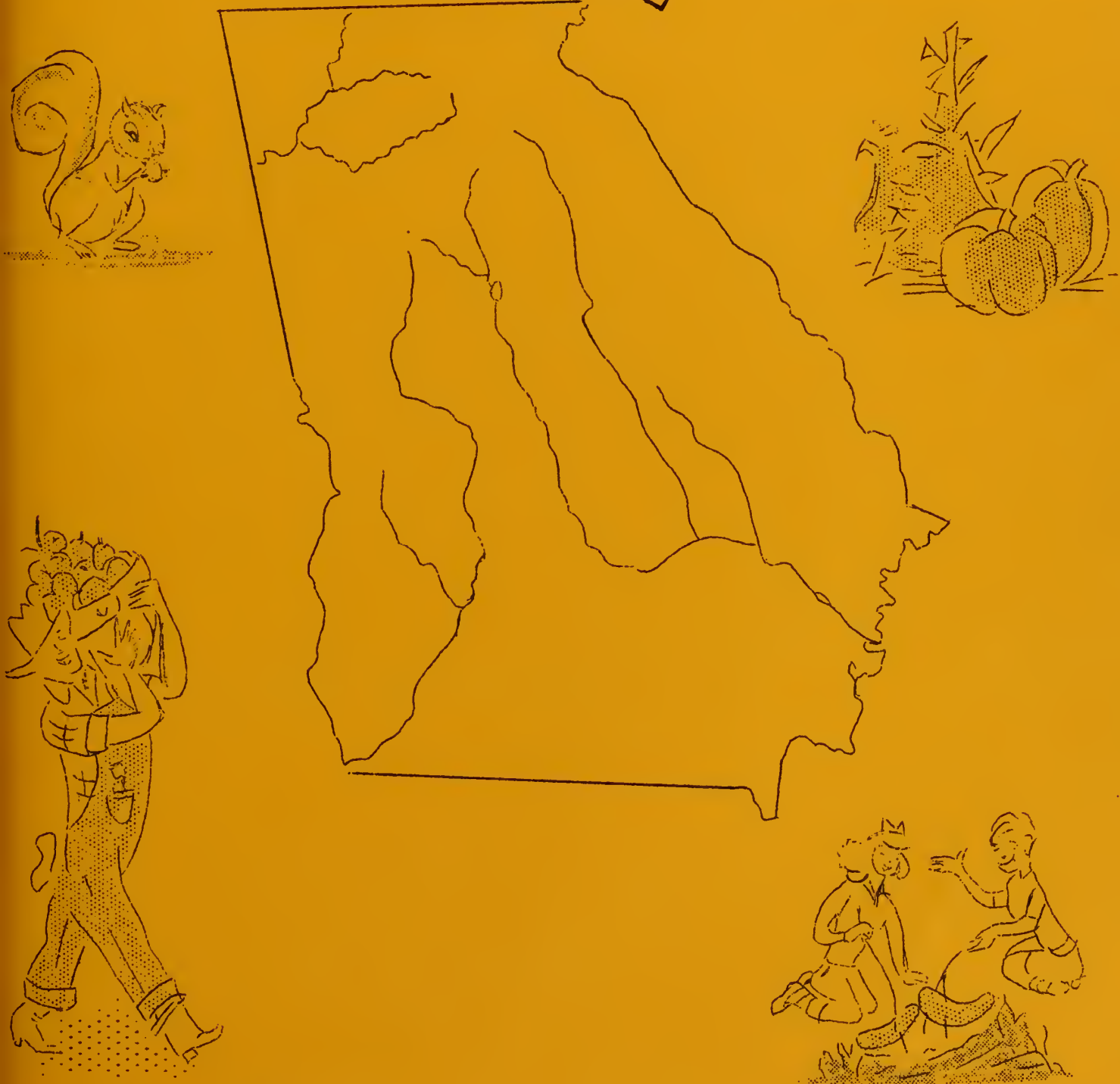
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EDITORIAL

FREE TIME - A CHALLENGE TO FREE MEN

"Free time - a challenge to free men" is the motto for this year's Recreation Congress to be held September 30 - October 5, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This is certainly a fitting motto since few people realize the importance of our freedom as well as our leisure. No other country in the world has as high a standard of living or has provided its people with more mechanisms by which they are now given hours of leisure. It is disheartening, as professional recreation people, to see the tremendous waste that some people have shown in their use of leisure and their use of freedom.

As State Park personnel, we must join with other recreation workers in educating the public to enjoy both of these freedoms. Certainly, a person who cannot enjoy a sunset on a lake or any of the beautiful scenery in our State Parks cannot have an appreciation for this country or for the freedom which surrounds it. We have a challenge to meet in helping the general public appreciate all of its freedoms.

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American Camping Association

FAMILY CAMPING FEDERATION

The American Camping Association has now recognized and organized the Family Camping Federation, to be affiliated with the American Camping Association.

This Federation is composed of camping leaders representing national, state and regional groups, and individual campground owners and developers who are concerned with efforts to provide better camping facilities, experiences, and opportunities for all persons interested in this rapidly growing form of recreation.

Being non-profit in character, the Family Camping Federation offers an opportunity to all those concerned with the planning, development, and operational aspects of family campgrounds, to mutually benefit from the knowledge and experience of others associated with the camping movement.

While the individual family camper is not eligible for membership in the ACA-FAMILY CAMPING FEDERATION, he is given encouragement to associate with one of the regional or local Family Camping organizations allied with the Federation.

There is now a Family Camping Federation kit available at \$5.00 through the American Camping Association, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Indiana. This kit provides a bibliography of books and guides helpful to the family campground owner and family camping club. Also, materials have been prepared by the Camping Council which include information on site development, a list of known family camping clubs throughout the U. S., and incidental information on the development and operation of campgrounds.

To persons holding executive or administrative positions in family camping clubs or groups, government representatives, advisory members, membership is \$15.00.

REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD MUSEUM -
ELIJAH CLARK

Plans are now proceeding for the new museum at Elijah Clark State Park. It is hoped that this museum will be open by the 1st of November.

Cases are being built in the State Park Department's shop, Revolutionary and Red Coat uniforms are being made, and many antiques of the period have been purchased to be placed in the old pioneer kitchen.

When this museum is completed, Georgia will have a museum representing each period of Georgia history, from prehistoric Indians through World War II.

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The greatest men whom I have known--men whose glance embraced the heavens and the earth, were very humble, and aware of the manner in which they had arisen to such eminence.

---Goethe

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FOUR-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Materials are now being assembled for the publishing of a four-year Progress Report on the Department.

It should be very interesting to see the comparison of our parks over the past four years with previous years.

This publication will list all improvements made in each park and equipment which has been purchased. We hope to have it ready for distribution the 1st of December.

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"THE UNIQUE MISSION OF THE
SUMMER CAMP"

At the Southeastern Section, American Camping Association meeting, I had a long discussion with C. Walton Johnson and found there are just a very limited number of copies left of his highly recommended and very outstanding philosophy of the summer camp which was published last year. For this reason, I have ordered a number of the mimeographed booklets to be sent to all of our Group Camp Superintendents.

Please read this fine publication as I feel it will give you a wonderful insight into the work that summer camps are doing in providing lasting values and creating purpose in life.

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A SUPERVISOR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, please help me -

To accept human beings as they are -
not yearn for perfect creatures;

To recognize ability - and
encourage it;

To understand shortcomings - and
make allowance for them;

To work patiently for improvement -
and not expect too much too quickly;

To appreciate what people do right -
not just criticize what they do
wrong;

To be slow to anger and hard to
discourage;

To have the hide of an elephant
and the patience of Job;

In short, Lord, please help me be
a better boss!

---John Luther

S T A T E P A R K N E W S

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK
Kingsland M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Another season has just about gone. This park closes officially after Sunday, September 16. We have enjoyed a very good season in spite of competition from the new St. Mary's swimming pool.

The nip of autumn weather is in the air and the familiar 100 to 105-degree weather has dropped to around 85 each day. Some "old timers" here predict a cold winter this year. Large flights of wild duck and geese have been sighted flying high over Crooked River on their way south to the winter feeding grounds.

Marsh hen season opened on the 15th and a few early hunters have been trying out their luck. Large and delicious oysters and shrimp are now being brought in and they surely give a fellow an appetite for seafood.

Our comfort station is now completed and will be opened to the public for tent and trailer campers as soon as electrical outlets have been installed and large trees cut down to afford entry into this section. We are receiving requests for permission to enter this area and it certainly looks good.

I intend to wrap the outside of each air-conditioning unit, newly installed in each cabin, with polyethylene cloth to protect them from the winter rain and ice as well as the "mud dobbers" that may decide to build nests in them.

During the month of August, we had three family re-unions, two scout troops, three birthday parties, one "church training union", and the Garden City Methodist Church from Garden City, Florida. All complimented our park and its personnel.

GORDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK
Reidsville C. P. Flowers, Supt.

During July and August, this park was the scene of many activities. To have such an attractive and quiet place providing ample opportunity for such activities, makes the citizens of Reidsville feel very proud and fortunate.

For the past 2 years, the V.F.W. has sponsored a Fishing Rodeo at the lake for boys and girls under twelve years of age. Three prizes are given to those catching the largest number of fish and, of course, refreshments are served. Jack Robertson caught the largest, Ben Tyus, the second largest, and Terry Odom, the third. There were about 20 children in attendance.

The Tattnall County Fair Association Committee met here during August to make plans for the Fair that is held each year at the Farmers Market in Glennville, Georgia. A barbecue chicken feast was served.

During the week of the Methodist Campground encampment at Manassas, Georgia, the swimming pool at this State Park was a source of enjoyable recreation to the young people who camped there. They came each afternoon for about two hours.

The Methodist Ministerial Association of Tattnall County met at the park for a swim and picnic. Some of the ministers and their families enjoyed the beautiful pool.

The W.M.U. of the Baptist churches of the Tattnall-Evans Association held a Prayer Retreat at one of the picnic shelters overlooking the lake to observe the forthcoming 75th anniversary and prayer for world peace.

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GRONDONIA ALATAMAHA STATE PARK
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An increased number of campers have used the facilities of the park this year and we have kept a record of the States represented by visitors. We even had some visitors from Canada.

The second week of August, the V.F.W. entertained their wives with a barbecue supper in the park.

Last, but certainly not least - we moved into our new bath houses and concession building in August.

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LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK
McRae Lee Willcox, Supt.

It seems that the weather has been the most talked about subject this summer (except politics). We, too, have had a long, hot, dry summer. I believe it has encouraged swimmers and picnickers as we have had more than ever before.

Our new camping area has been very popular. I believe we had more campers, too. We appreciate Mr. Morgan sending some up our way.

We have had some interesting people in our group camp. There was one group of children from a Children's Home in Washington, Georgia, and a number of Cuban refugees were in the group. They really enjoyed their stay and people around here enjoyed talking to them. They were well-behaved and well-supervised.

Our club house has a new roof and our storage building is ready for the concrete floor. We appreciate these improvements and hope that we can continue to keep the park in good shape.

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NANCY HART STATE PARK
Elberton Mrs. John Allgood

Nancy Hart State Park had a full week-end, Labor Day week-end. There wasn't a mealtime (except breakfast) that there wasn't someone eating here.

I visited Unicoi State Park on Sunday, September 9, and enjoyed my visit very much.

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UNICOI STATE PARK
Helen Lat Vandiver, Supt.

Well, the 1962 season is about over. We have had one of the best seasons at Unicoi that we have ever had. As a rule, the weather was fine. Have been run over in the camping area every week-end since the middle of June. We must expand for next season.

We are still having some campers and the cabins continue to fill up, mostly on week-ends but some stay by the week.

My last week-end for Group Camp will be September 29-30.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK
Royston F. H. Hill, Supt.

The Bowen Reunion was held Aug. 5. We did not have any special groups during the week of 5-10 - just picnickers.

We have the pump installed in the deep well. Mr. Jim Glenn, a helper, and I put in the water lines to the picnic shelters and picnic area.

On August 19 the Rice Family Reunion was held here, as was the Dave Family Reunion. The third reunion was that of the Latham Family.

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There was an unusually large attendance during the third week in August due to the Camp Meeting at Poplar Spring, just 3 miles from this park.

September 1st, we had Scout Troop #22 - Junior Leaders from Athens, with Mr. Ernest Boland as their Scoutmaster. They camped over the week-end.

The Bartson Upholstery Mill of Lavonia also had a barbecue here.

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VACATION MEMORIES

Hotel Manager: "Mr. Smith, come out here and look at this marvelous rainbow."

Cautious Tourist: "How much extra is it?"

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By the mile, life's a trial,
By the yard, life is hard -
But--by the inch, life's a cinch!

---The Right Hand

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An education isn't how much you have committed to memory or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't. It's knowing where to go to find what you need to know. And it's knowing how to use the information once you get it.

---Carman Fish
National Safety News

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The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

---Thomas Henry Huxley

Mr. J. L. Christian - September 4

Mr. Jimmy Arnall - September 10

Mrs. Lou Adams - September 12

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CONFERENCE DATES

September 7-9 SES, American
Camping Assoc.
Nantahala Village
North Carolina

Sept. 30 - Oct. 5 Nat'l Recreation
Congress
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 5-6 Ga. Gerontology
Society
Atlanta, Georgia

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 Ga. Recreation
Society
Macon, Georgia

1963:

March 6-9 American Camping
Association
National Meeting
Leesburg, Fla.

April 19-21 Georgia District,
ACA
Camp Calvin
Hampton, Georgia

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The challenge of the future is not just to live longer, but to live more. Let me live each new day to the fullest, lending a helping hand where I can. For when the final count is in, I wish to be remembered for what I did, not how long it took me to do it.

---Mark C. Pope

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Dear Sir:

Recently, my wife, four children and I spent the night at Fort Mountain State Park. We arrived about one hour before dark and, after registering with the Park Superintendent, returned to the car only to find the battery dead. We were tired, chagrined and, with darkness coming on, began to worry.

At this point, your superintendent, Mr. Tom Winkler, came to our aid. Unable to start the car, he drove his own car some seven and a half miles down the mountain into town. I bought a new battery and, upon our return, he assisted me in installing it. Then, as it was after dark, he guided us to the campsite and helped us get settled.

Mr. Winkler refused any compensation for his efforts in our behalf; therefore, I want to let you know just how much we appreciated the assistance of this fine gentleman. Truly, his actions reflect merit on your wonderful state and have made a lasting impression on us.

Again we want to thank you for having a gentleman of this caliber in your employ, one who turned an otherwise vexatious experience into a delightful visit.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Pelletier
Commander, U.S.N.
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Collier:

Last Saturday, August 18, we had our Family Day Picnic at your fine State Park, Kolomoki Mounds, near Blakely, Georgia. We had one of our most enjoyable days for our employees and their families at your park. I believe we had well over 1,200 in attendance.

We spent the day there with Mr. Hall and his fine crew and I want to tell you that, as far as we here at Hayes are concerned, you have a very fine superintendent in Mr. Hall. He made our day most enjoyable.

Again, let me thank you for letting us use your fine park.

Sincerely,

Wm. B. Edmondson
Mgr., Industrial Rel.
Hayes Internat'l Corp.
Dothan, Alabama

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Dear Mr. Collier:

I spent a few delightful days at the Elder Hotel, Indian Springs, and enjoyed the baths given by Mrs. Willie Hamlin. She is wonderful in her work and, through the years, this has been a strong drawing card for me to Indian Springs. I know the Bath House is a state project for the pleasure and good of all who visit the Springs; and I feel that too often we fail to tell those in authority who spend their efforts to make this available to the public, just what it means to us and that it is appreciated.

With best wishes for your work, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joe Patton
Rome, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Collier:

My family and another couple and their children have just returned from a camping trip and I wanted to express my appreciation to your department for the beautiful state parks of Georgia and the fine personnel we encountered in them.

We camped in state parks in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina; we had planned on spending the greater part of the time in North Carolina but returned to Georgia after only one day there. We especially liked Black Rock Mountain State Park, and the superintendent, Mr. Christian, is doing an excellent job there. He is so courteous and proud of his camp, which he might well be, as it was spotless and so well managed.

I am employed by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and will certainly recommend your state parks over any other. We look forward to camping again next year and plan on spending all our time in your lovely state.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas B. Freeman
St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Dear Mr. Collier:

As a life-long resident of Albany, it has been my pleasure for many years to be able to make frequent outings to Chehaw State Park. I am active in scouting, and during the past year I have taken several different groups of scouts to Chehaw on camping trips.

At various times in the past, the park has not always been kept clean and, upon occasion, different groups have been bothered by

hoodlums. However, the improvement in this park has been remarkable since Earl Dawson has been in charge. Order is maintained in the park at all times, and any group of people feels completely safe at the park. All of the facilities in the park, including the grounds, buildings, and rest rooms, are kept scrupulously clean.

I wish to express my appreciation to the State Parks Department and to Mr. Dawson for this fine facility.

Sincerely yours,

Ray S. Mock
Albany, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Collier:

I want to thank you for the wonderful bath house at Vogel Park camping area. We have just returned from the most enjoyable week ever in the past 15 years.

I had occasion to discuss our Parks with a cross section of our country. They all agreed our Parks are wonderful, but the hot water is out of this world.

The facilities are well kept; in fact, I think they do unusually well for the tremendous amount of traffic. On August 20, there were not less than 150 to 200 children in your park (camping).

Many thanks to you and Mr. Akins.

Yours very truly,

Rogers H. Weaver
Roswell, Georgia

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Gentlemen:

It was my great pleasure, in a camping trip recently, to stop at Black Rock Mountain camping area for a few days while on the way north, and also on the return south.

My wife and I wish to extend our appreciation and thanks for the wonderful way that your Ranger, namely, Mr. J. L. Christian, and his staff of assistants, did everything in their power to make our stay very pleasant.

We noted that not only ourselves, but all others, were of the same opinion at the campsite.

The courtesy and treatment given to us and others could not go unnoticed and I am writing this short letter to ask that you please extend our thanks to Mr. Christian and his men on Black Rock Mountain in Clayton, Georgia.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Emmens
Daytona Beach, Fla.

P.S. You have about the best camping site we visited on our entire trip.

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Dear Sir:

Our church conducted a one week summer camp at Alexander Stephens State Park, Crawfordville, Georgia, from July 29 through August 4. This was a very pleasant experience for us and we wish to express our thanks to the Department of State Parks for making such facilities available.

This park site is one of the most attractive in the state and the accommodations there are excellent and well cared for. Mr.

T. E. Darden, Superintendent, is to be commended on his conscientious attention to the appearance of the camp and on the fine spirit of co-operation he maintains with the group camping at the park.

Sincerely,

John A. Rutledge, Jr.
White Oak Hills Baptist
Church, Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Collier:

I have been coming to Indian Springs for a number of years, and have been enjoying the beautiful, well-kept Park, and the massages and mineral baths as provided by Mrs. Willie Hamlin. We live in Florida and our journey here is well worth it.

I just wanted to say a word of appreciation, and to say I hope these fine things will continue.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Mabel Mabry
Indian Springs, Ga.

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THANKS TO ALL OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS who helped make the State Park exhibit a success at Lenox Square, Atlanta, August 27-31. Without your cooperation, we certainly could not have participated in informing the public so thoroughly of our progress in the development of State Parks in Georgia.

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Keep your words soft and sweet-- you never know when you will have to eat them.

--Kan-Okla Bulletin

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MY PHILOSOPHY OF RECREATION

by
Lillian Summers

Recreation is recreation no matter what or where the setting may be. This I believe. Recreation is refreshment, recreation is play, recreation is diversion.....

Recreation involves people, it involves activities, it involves attitudes. It involves these three ingredients in a period of time known as leisure - free time - uncommitted time from any task or responsibility.

Recreation is a part of the life of every individual, that part of life in which an individual is free to choose what he wants to do..... He may choose positively or he may choose negatively. And herein lies the challenge to leadership in the field of recreation: to promote, encourage, and inspire the positive development of recreation in leisure; to enable the individual to live a richer life through opportunities to broaden recreation interests and to develop latent talents.....

Recreation is not an end-all or a cure-all. It is a part, an essential part, of life, and takes its place with other essentials - work, religion, education, welfare, and health - in contributing to the positive development of the individual in our contemporary life. Recreation does not replace the need for food and shelter. It cannot replace the satisfaction of accomplishment through work. It does not replace a medical prescription. It does provide a balance, serving as a complementary force in any of these situations.

Recreation, in the fullness of its meaning, must not be limited to an activity concept.....Security, recognition, acceptance, creativity, adventure, a sense of accomplishment, and group associations are basic needs of individuals that can be realized through recreative experience.....

Recreation can be the key that unlocks the door to self-discovery, to respect for self, to the joy of sharing mutual interests and experiences with others.....

There is still, in our culture, a reluctance to recognize dignity in the words "play", "fun", and "relaxation." Recreation is confused with idleness and wasted time.....It forces the professional recreator to seek justification for recreation on the basis of accomplishment of other goals: Keeping children off the streets or curbing juvenile delinquency.....

A constructive attitude toward life is important to each individual, and recreation can contribute to such an attitude. Many years ago, Edward Lindeman said, "Recreation is not a set or series of exercises, it is rather an attitude, a gallant attitude toward life." If each person in the field of recreation attained this attitude in the full sense of its meaning and assisted others to incorporate such an attitude in their personal lives, the contribution to life in our world today would be immeasurable. Herein lies the challenge of recreation.

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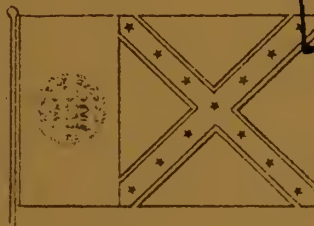
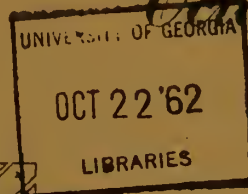
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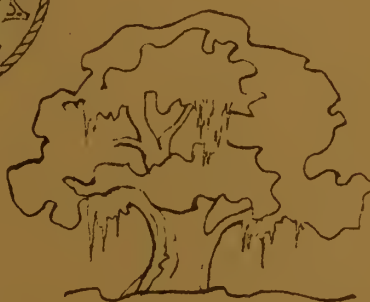
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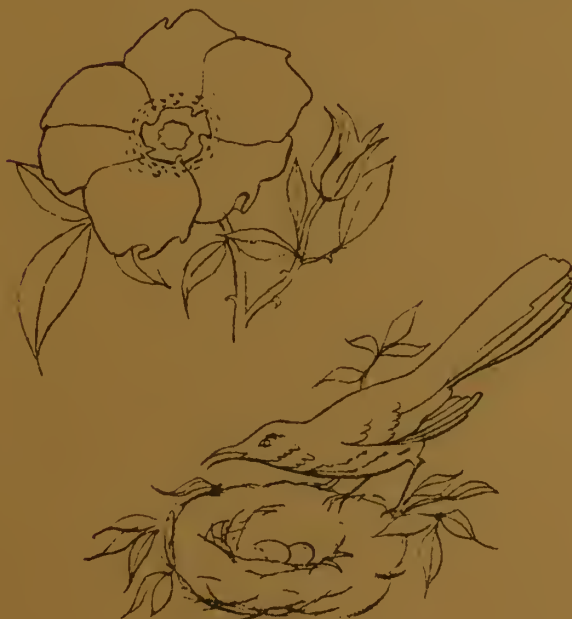
The State Seal

"Wisdom, Justice,
Moderation."



The State Tree

The live oak



The State Flower

The Cherokee Rose

The State Bird

Brown Thrasher

CONSERVATION COMMANDMENTS

1. Study the land so that each acre may be used wisely according to its capabilities and treated according to its needs.
2. Guard well the living soil, that it may continue to nurture man;
Clothe it lovingly with vegetation,
Hold on to it tenaciously,
Restore its fertility and organic content,
Improve it as a legacy for posterity.
3. Revere water, the lifeblood of civilization:
Retard it on the surface,
Trap it in the soil,
Guard its purity zealously.
4. Cherish forests that they may --
Conserve water,
Shelter wildlife,
Provide for our needs,
Restore our tranquility.
5. Respect all living things as having a role, however humble, in the balance of nature.
6. Provide living museums, samples of primeval America, to be managed by nature alone, so that they may --
Serve as reservoirs of wild species that may be needed tomorrow;
Provide control areas against which man's efforts at management may be measured.
7. Learn to live in harmony with nature in an ecological symphony, a mutually beneficial dependency.

M. Graham Netting
Director
Carnegie Museum

IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Georgia Department of State Parks is holding its In-Service Training Program for Park Superintendents at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia, October 22 through 24. In addition to the roll call and report of Parks there will be a review of progress in the last four years and facts to go on concerning camping and public relations. Preventive maintenance and new construction are to be discussed by Colonel Wagner of the Engineering Staff. There will be group meetings with the Engineering Sponsors and Mr. Collier will speak on Tuesday morning concerning assuming responsibilities.

On Tuesday after luncheon, Mr. Fenenga, of the Georgia Historical Commission, will tell of the work of his Department and show some pictures of some of their projects. Miss Carol Hart, Assistant Archivist, will speak on the work of the Department of Archives and History.

After dinner there will be movies and slides shown pertaining to the Superintendents' work.

On Wednesday, budget records and inventories will be discussed by Mr. Struble and Mr. Wilkes.

The closing session will be at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

The preceding In-Service Training Programs have been very beneficial in training our staff in a better understanding and more sufficiently and better serving the public, and we hope that this program will do likewise.

ELIJAH CLARK MUSEUM OPENS SOON

Progress is being made towards the opening of the Elijah Clark Museum. After considerable

research, Revolutionary War and Red Coat uniforms are being made and appropriate mannikins being bought for exhibit in the Museum. The Department of Archives have cooperated in furnishing us photostatic copies of many of the original letters written by General Elijah Clark, the Auditor's Report showing what he paid for horses, and other articles, during the Revolutionary War. We also have a copy of the letter written by George Washington to the Governor of Georgia upon his resignation. This is one of two of the original letters written to the Thirteen Colony Governors. Several copies of the original treaties between Georgia and the Creek and Cherokee Indian Tribes will be displayed, along with a map of Georgia showing the division of the State in regard to these tribes.

We are all looking forward to the completion and opening of the Revolutionary Period Display in the Museum at Elijah Clark State Park.

GEORGIA RECREATION SOCIETY

The Georgia Recreation Society Meeting will be held at the Dempsey Hotel, Macon, Georgia, October 29, 30 and 31. Bob Crawford, Recreation Director, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the main speaker and guest of the Society. Mr. Crawford is an outstanding pioneer in the Recreation profession, and has not only developed one of the best programs of recreation in our country, but has designed many new types of playground and recreation equipment. Georgia certainly welcomes Mr. Crawford and wishes the Georgia Recreation Society the best in its forthcoming State Annual Meeting.

GEORGIA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY

The Georgia Gerontology Society met at Emory University on October 5. Many outstanding speakers presented the program for the Golden Age Group, along with many Governmental agencies who are associated with the problems of this age.

Not only was this meeting rewarding in the information presented by the speakers, but it gave the approximately 150 to 200 people attending an opportunity to know each other. Most all of the large retirement homes, nursing homes, church groups and Governmental agencies were represented. The talks presented certainly show that Georgia has many problems and responsibilities to meet in this rapidly oncreasing ratio of Golden Age people in our society.

CAMPING IN GEORGIA

It is interesting to note the following programs in the camping field of our State during the past year:

In January there was a Camping Consultation Conference held at the Piedmont Hotel in Atlanta. Representatives from all phases of the camping field met and discussed common interests.

In March of last year, the National Conference of the American Camping Association met in New York City. Along with many other endorsements of progress, the Family Camping Federation was formed and has now become very active as an affiliate of the American Camping Association.

April 13 through 15 there was a camp leadership conference and an official ACA Camp Crafters Course held at Hard Labor Creek State Park, Rutledge, Georgia. There were more than 100 in attendance.

CURFEW AT 11

"I have learned ...to be content"
---Philippians 4:11

We are campers. In exactly 25 years we have tented among bears, bison and bees, at seashore and on mountain top, in national, state and city parks, alone and among a thousand like-minded souls, in desert heat and in snow, with de-luxe, primitive and missing facilities, in more than half the states and several provinces of Canada, and with widely varying equipment, to much of which we point with pride as being personally invented and home-made.

We like it. Likely you wouldn't. We call it vacation and go to bed tired. We sleep deep and quiet. Last night, though, was the first time we ever had trouble -- that is, with fellow campers. And I've been brooding about it this morning.

Four families, with jukebox aged teensters, descended upon us. The first night they played cards raucously. Many of us who had sought God's quiet in the woods tossed and muttered. Finally, one lady went up and gave them you-know-what-they-needed. The next night all was quiet -- that is, until the concession closed at 9:30, ending their public juking. So they transferred their activity to our midst. We were awakened to "Pop Goes the Weasel", loud and clear -- I mean LOUD, followed by Elvis the Pelvis in an unforgettable something the name of which I forget. These kids had sulked all day about last night's scolding, so they were going to show us.

This time, after 20 minutes of coming to a slow boil, I erupted. I unplugged the record player and had a few scattering remarks to make about camp curfew and courtesies. Goody, goody, they were

fixed for me. They had been to the Superintendent, and had a ruling: curfew was at 11:00. Besides, didn't I know this was vacation? For 25 years I had been thinking it was, but now I had my doubts. So I cranked my auto, and went to see the Superintendent. As, he really had told them 11. The Camping Association said 11. Well, they turned the music(??) down, at only about 30 decibels. At 11:15 another indignant tenter -- (a real lady, if you ask me) -- turned off the master switch, which also ended the 4-papa card game in one of their tents. When they turned out, the lady dared them to turn the switch on, or to call the Superintendent! Gee, it was exciting.

Like I say, today I've been brooding. This is like so much else in life. I have two choices. I can think of either the thorn or the roses. I can smoulder with indignation about these spoilsports, or I can thank God for the thousands of wonderful people with whom we've camped, for the hundreds of other silent nights, holy nights, when all was calm, all was bright.

Paul maybe had lumps in his oatmeal, sometimes, too. He got that up several times. It was camp and lonesome in some of those nights. But he concentrated on the nourishing oatmeal. He continually thanked God for blessings, and seems never to have complained. He set me a pretty high standard by saying, "I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content."

to Bouquets to Miss Barbara Ransom and the Georgia Parks Department for furnishing the setting in which I am now writing; to the State of Georgia for using a fraction of a cent of the tax dollar for its program of conservation

and recreation, and to God for growing these trees, and not only giving us the mountains and skies, but for doing them in Kodachrome.

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After completion of the four-day course Georgia is very proud to say that they have more certified instructors than any other State in the Union.

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Also, in April of last year the Department of State Parks issued a handbook entitled, "Camping in Georgia State Parks". The first of the new camping areas was opened, which later in the summer included 16 providing showers, rest room facilities, shelters and numbered tenting areas.

April also was the month for the Family Camping Workshop, sponsored jointly by the Atlanta Recreation Department and the Georgia Department of State Parks.

May, 1962, the Executive Board of the Georgia District met at Camp Calvin and made plans for the 1963 meeting.

The three summer months brought forth the organization of many family camping clubs in Georgia, one of the largest being the Greater Atlanta Family Camping Association.

September 7 through 9, the Southeastern Section of American Camping Association met at Nantahala Village. Plans were announced for the Regional Conference to be held at Leesburg, Florida, at the Methodist Camp, March 6 to 9, 1963.

Other Workshops which were held in connection with camping in the area were the Nature Institute, June 4 to 11, and the Aquatic Craft School, June 5 to 15.

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STATE PARK NEWS

HARD LABOR CREEK

Rutledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

On August 1st we started using our new tent and trailer area. It was not complete, but everyone was mighty thrilled to be able to use it - especially the new comfort station with the hot and cold showers.

We had a total of 3184 tent and 561 trailer camper days during the month - an increase of 970 and 129 days respectively over August 1961.

We had ten groups doing Pioneer Camping during the month, with a total of 494 camper days. Boy Scout Troop #48, Miami, Florida, stopped overnight with us on July 29, 30, on their way to the Smokies, stayed there several days and came back here on August 7 and stayed through August 10. The boys earned several merit badges while here. They seemed to have liked it better here than in the Smokies.

Oak Hill Homes from Fulton County Welfare Dept. brought out four different groups for Pioneer Camping during the month. Junior and Intermediate Boys and Junior and Intermediate Girls.

Our total attendance for the month was 22,936, an increase of 2,731 over August, 1961. Our group camp attendance was off some from 1961, due to the Atlanta Jewish Community Center not using Camp Rutledge this year. August, 1962 being 6,069 camper days and August, 1961, 7,204. Numerous civic, church and family reunion groups used our barbecue and picnic facilities during the month.

We enjoyed having Miss Sue Hammack as our Recreation Director during the summer. We feel that she did a wonderful job.

We welcome Miss Barbara Rankin back from her summer at camp. We are looking forward to her being with us again.

I think that we should all feel proud of the display that the Department prepared for the Salute to Georgia Program at Lenox Square. Wish that every Superintendent and his family could have seen it.

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L. S. WALKER STATE PARK

Waycross Clay H. Morgan, Supt.

Well, we had a rather poor summer season. No swimming, skiing, and no group camping. This also caused many tent and trailer campers to move. However, we think next year will be a good one. Our swimming pool is coming along fine and plenty of people are writing about it. Quite a few want reservations for group camping next year. We anticipate a fine business during 1963.

Had some bad storms, lots of trees blown down, and plenty to pick up and haul out.

We are starting on the new paint job - an outside job on all the buildings. We did not start too soon, and it really looks good.

Just back from a vacation in Florida. Lots of sleeping sickness so we got out. It was so nice to ride miles and miles on the highways and never see a thing in the way of beer cans and political signs.

Looking forward to our meeting this fall. It's good to see old friends again and learn something too.

Welcome back to the fold, Miss Barbara.

VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK

Royston

F. H. Hill,
Superintendent

My park attendance has dropped off some due to school re-opening and cool weather, and also two County Fairs - Franklin and Elbert Counties.

The Higginbotham Reunion was held here September 2 with 150 attending. The Pipe Line Crew had a picnic dinner at the park, September 22. I also had the entire student body of Emanuel College out for a cook-out supper.

The Fowler Reunion was held here September 23. The Sisson Family had a barbecue and birthday dinner here on Sunday, September 30 for Mr. Lee Sisson, who is an engineer with the Broad River Soil Conservation Area, and 102 were present.

The Williams Family had a birthday dinner for Mr. Bill Williams here Sunday, September 30, with 200 present.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder

W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo our attendance during September has been very good for picnickers and family reunions. Most every Sunday during this past season we have had one or two family reunions in our picnic area. There were two this past Sunday - the 30th.

With the nippy autumn weather now, this season will soon come to a close for outings. We are looking forward to work beginning soon on our dam and the development of Fort Yargo Park.

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Dear Sir:

Just a letter to let you know how much my family and I appreciate the wonderful improvements Georgia has made to some of the State Parks.

We moved to Macon 3½ years ago from Northern Ohio and are avid trailerites. We have a 16 ft. travel trailer and have visited several of the State Parks and we really enjoy them.

The park rangers are so very courteous and helpful, something you won't find in all the states.

Living in Macon and being so close to Indian Springs, we have gone there a few times. Mr. Frank McMichael and Mr. Chuck Hamlin are to be commended very highly for their politeness and the wonderful manner in which they try to make your stay pleasant. Every trailer traveler I've talked to remarked how nice they were.

While staying at Indian Springs over the 4th of July, we met a family who lived 13 miles from our home town in Ohio and we really enjoyed a very nice visit, finding out the news from Ohio. It makes one realize what a small world this is.

Again I want to say thanks for such nice parks and courteous rangers.

Sincerely,

Jim Sharpless
2355 Robin Hood Road
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Collier:

The Workers Class of Epworth Methodist Church had another wonderful Labor Day week-end camp at Alexander H. Stephens State Park, Crawfordville Georgia, this year.

We have been using the facilities at Crawfordville for a number of years, and each year seems to be more enjoyable. This year our crowd was smaller due to high school football games falling on the Saturday night of Labor Day week-end, which prevented some of our members who attend regularly from being with us.

Our whole group feels Mr. Darden is one of the best Superintendents to be found anywhere, and we can certainly say he is dedicated to his job. The camp is always very clean and orderly, and he certainly works hard to see that "his camp" is the best in the Park System. We feel we owe him our deepest gratitude for making our outing a success each year, and we sincerely hope you will express our appreciation to him. As long as we have men of Mr. Darden's calibre in our Park System we can be assured of good, clean recreational facilities.

We realize, of course, the State is extremely fortunate in securing you as its Park Director, and that the success of our wonderful State Parks stems from your good judgment and discretion, and therefore our Class has asked me to express sincere appreciation to you for the use of the Crawfordville Camps.

Yours very truly,

Clyde W. Crawford
Camp Chairman
239 W. Benson St.
Decatur, Georgia

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TEN COMMANDMENTS" FOR EMPLOYEES'

Chinese bank in south Malaya has issued "ten commandments" for its employees. They are:

. Don't lie. It wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end.

. Watch your work and not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short, and a short day's work makes my face long.

. Give me more than I expect and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you can increase my profits.

. Keep out of debt. You owe so much to yourself that you cannot afford to owe anybody else.

. Dishonesty is never an accident.

. Mind your own business and in time you will have a business of your own to mind.

. Don't do anything here that hurts your self-respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

. It's none of my business what you do at night, but if dissipation affects what you do next day, you will last half as long as you hoped.

. Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't need a valet for my vanity but I need one for my money.

. Don't kick if I kick. If you are worth correcting, you are worth keeping.

---Pittsburgh "Live Steam"

THE CREED OF A GREAT AMERICAN

I was born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this with absolute disregard of personal consequences. What is the individual man, with all the good or evil that may betide him, in comparison with the good or evil which may befall a great country in a crisis like this, and in the midst of great transactions which concern that country's fate? Let the consequences be what they will, I am careless. No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffer or if he fall in defense of the liberties and Constitution of his country.

---Daniel Webster

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"Do not live to make a living, Rather live to make a life, For the measure of succeeding is your service in the strife.

Everything you leave behind you
When your soul has crossed the bay,
Is the good you've done for others,
As you tarried by the way."

---Anonymous

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Teacher's note on report card:

"Your son excels in initiative, group integration, responsiveness and activity participation. Now, if he'd only learn to read and write!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEPARTMENT

Oct. 10 - Charlie Jones
Oct. 15 - E. W. Glover
Oct. 25 - Clay H. Morgan

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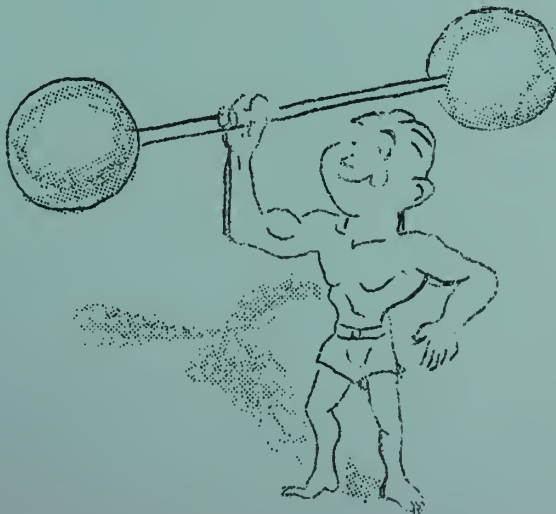
PHYSICAL FITNESS

Physical fitness is a problem in America today. From recent research of the White House Conference on Physical Fitness, we have found that the American people have become very lazy and are not meeting standards of other countries in the field of physical fitness. Along with the National Committee on Physical Fitness and our State organization, we should, whenever possible, strive to emphasize this with our youth leaders.

It is also good propaganda for our Department to show the tremendous potential State Parks offer in helping develop physical fitness. There is no other facility in our State that offers more opportunities for this training.

It has been said recently by a retired heavy-weight boxing champion that anyone who can walk five to six miles a day is an average physically fit person. Let our personnel be leaders in promoting physical fitness among all our citizens. Remember what Will Rogers said - "America has been muscle-bound from holding a steering wheel. The only callous place on an American is the bottom of his driving toe."

Only with the wholehearted cooperation of school, community, recreation and physical education leaders will we be able to promote a program which will recapture physical fitness which should be the birth-right of every American.



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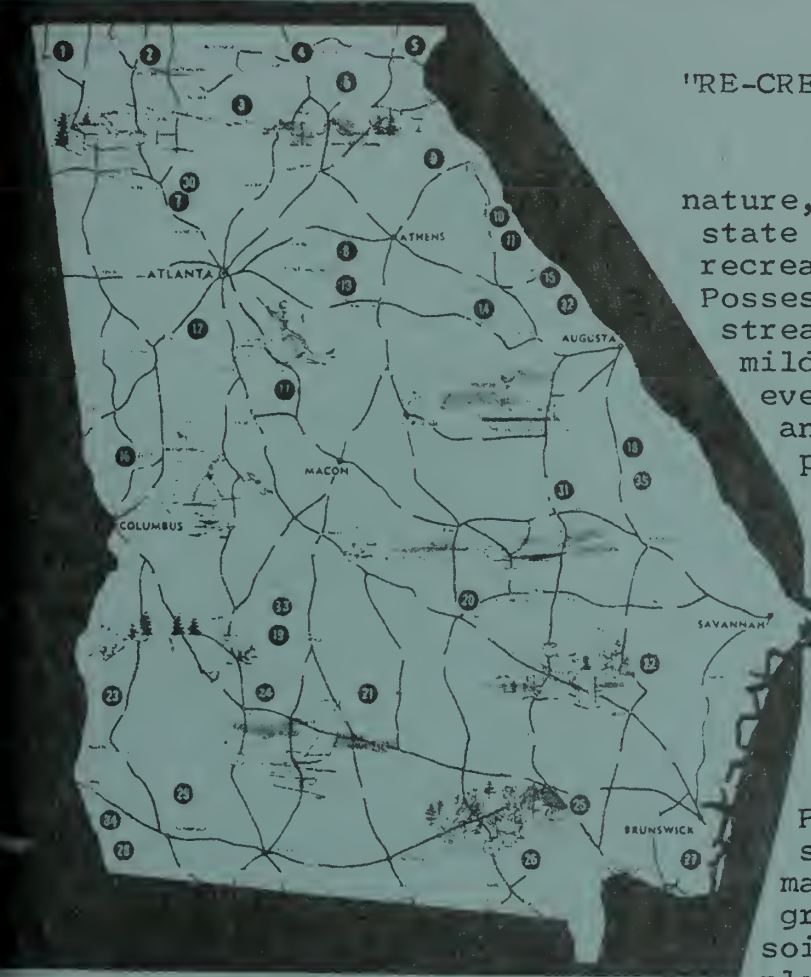
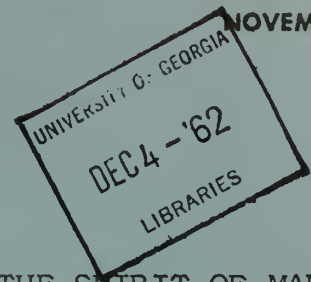
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"RE-CREATION OF THE SPIRIT OF MAN"

Georgia has been blessed by nature, enabling us to build in this state some of the most outstanding recreational areas in the nation. Possessed of mountains, forests, streams, many lakes, and a varied, mild climate, Georgia must take every advantage of these blessings, and its citizens and visitors be provided with all reasonable opportunities for enjoying them.

Acceptance on the part of the State Government of the responsibility for providing recreational facilities has been fully recognized as an important function and obligation, knowing that without active interest in its State Parks, many of our natural resources would vanish as have so many of the nation's forests, grasslands, clear streams, top soil, and much of the almost irreplaceable wildlife. Georgia's 36 State Parks are, as they should be,

a haven for hospitality, relaxation, happiness, and conservation--areas where "folks" can be "folks", the proud past remembered, and our great natural resources preserved and, at the same time, enjoyed.

The 36 State Parks today enjoy an attendance of 3,523,204, whereas in 1930 there were 9 parks with an attendance of just a few thousand; thus, the 36 parks in 1962 enjoyed a monthly visitation that about equals the entire year of 1946. Georgians may well be proud of the progress made in the last several years in its State Parks System. Now they can truly say they have one of the better park systems in the nation.

Our parks will long attract, in constantly increasing numbers, not only Georgia citizens but thousands of out-of-state visitors as well, and will broaden and preserve our human and natural resources, improve our economy, and add to our state's trade and travel!

Charles A. Collier, Director

Barbara Rankin, Editor

STATE PARK NEWS

A. H. STEPHENS STATE PARK
Crawfordville T. E. Darden, Supt.

Boy Scout Troop #220, Methodist Childrens' Home, Decatur, Ga., enjoyed a week-end at Camp Stephens.

Requests for 1963 reservations of the Group Camp have already started coming in. We are painting all buildings at the Group Camp.

Really enjoyed seeing all the Park personnel at the In-Service Training Conference.

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A. H. STEPHENS MUSEUM
Laura Lee Crawford, Curator

Approximately 200 Girl Scouts camped in our park the week-end of October 13 and almost all visited the Confederate Museum and the home of A. H. Stephens. These troops were from Jackson, Elberton, Washington, Augusta, Athens and Nicholson.

On Saturday, October 13, a group of army officers from Fort Gordon came to see the museum and Stephens' Shrine. Some were from foreign countries including Germany, Italy, Guatamala, and India. They were interested in visiting all of the historical sights before their tour of duty ended in the U.S.A. We felt proud that they were interested in Stephens and the Confederacy. I certainly enjoyed discussing events of Confederate history with them.....

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Money isn't everything - sometimes, it isn't even enough.

One reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do!

---Farmer's Almanac

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GEORGIA VETERANS STATE PARK
Cordele Gerald H. Evans, Supt.

Today, November 8, we made our first visit to the park--not as visitors as we usually do--but to see our new home. Everyone there was so nice. We are looking forward to becoming a part of the park.

It has turned cooler here but there are still several visitors each day. Some come to fish; others to ride over the park and enjoy the lovely autumn scenes.

The week-end of November 24, we are expecting a large crowd to enjoy the Field Trails Dog Show.

We hope each of you will come and visit us for we are looking forward to meeting you in the near future.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Rutledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

Leaves started turning, fish were biting, folks kept on tent camping, and the cool evenings brought out the hay riders and weiner roast groups.

We had our semi-annual In-Service Training Program and, all in all, it was a wonderful month. It was nice seeing everyone at Rock Eagle at our meeting. Although we missed Josie's delicious food and George's hospitality, I think everyone enjoyed the conference. Looking forward to seeing all of you next spring.

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Apropos to Newspaper Week (according to a recent losing candidate for national office) is this bon mot by Mark Twain:

"Be sure of your facts first, then distort 'em as you please."

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AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK
June E. C. Collins, Supt.

Amicalola has beautiful scenery to offer and lots of people have toured through to enjoy it. Our cabins are still filled on week-ends, but campers are scarce.

The roof on the house has been repaired and we are waiting for a big rain to see if all the leaks were stopped.

We enjoyed the Superintendents' meeting at Rock Eagle Center; it was a beautiful place, and delicious food was served.

We have had Mr. Ray Keasey from the General Office visiting our park. He is the new Sponsor for Amicalola and we are glad he is interested in making improvements at this park.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK
Reyston F. H. Hill, Supt.

Locks like the park season is about over. We had a big frost up here on Wednesday, October 24, and it has been cold since then. The leaves are beautiful in the park and surrounding area.

Our roads in the park have been greatly improved. The old roads were re-paved and one mile of new roads has been paved. We have almost four miles of black-top roads in the park now.

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"We've read the stock market reports and now it's all clear. Stocks went down because they were too high, but as soon as they are too low, they'll go back up."

---Changing Times

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Comment: Your hair is getting pretty thin on top.
Reply: Well, who wants fat hair?

CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK
Rising Fawn J. M. Crawford, Supt.

Jack Frost with his magic brush has been with us. I have never seen the park as beautiful as it is now. The colors in the trees include any color you wish to choose.

Happy to report that, because of the unusually mild fall weather, we are still having good week-end crowds. This past week-end we had church groups from Sand Mountain and Chickamauga, and two large groups from Chattahoochee High School.

We have planted fourteen Chinese chestnut seed. Ten new concrete tables have been delivered. We are, at present, preparing a new area for tables which will be used for camping.

We enjoyed the Training Program at Rock Eagle Center very much. It is a very impressive and beautiful place. Hope Mr. Collier is feeling well. We really have our work cut out for us this winter to get ready for the big 1963 season. We are looking forward to it.

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK
Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo everything is quiet as another season comes to a close. With the pretty weather this past week-end, we had several youth groups in our picnic area. The trees are beautiful now with the leaves of many bright colors.

We were sorry we were unable to attend the meeting at Rock Eagle and feel that we missed a lot. We missed seeing all of you but it is hard to get around doing jury duty.

The question most asked around here is - When is work going to start on our Park? Everyone is waiting anxiously.

Come to see us.

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INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK
Indian Springs B.F. McMichael, Supt.

To close our season, we had the Piedmont District's annual camperee, which consisted of 320 boys and 160 tents. We are always glad to have the scouts visit with us.

We are pleased to see that work has been started on our new residence as well as new map cases for the museum. We feel that these new improvements will add much to our park.

Our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Charles Hamlin, retired November 1 after 22 years with Indian Springs State Park. Mr. Hamlin will be missed by his fellow workers as well as the public. We all wish for him, better health.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Joel Crane to accept the job as Grounds-keeper. Mr. Crane has been with Indian Springs State Park for eight years.

We feel the camping area will be our best attraction in the future. The attendance more than tripled last season, so we have begun work on more tent mounds.

Our park grounds are beautiful with fall colors. Wish everyone could enjoy them with us.

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From the death certificate of a lady of some 104 summers, we find listed under the cause of death, "Belated surrender to the inevitable."

Another death certificate gives this information: "Cause of death - Gastro-intestinal toxemia. Due to - Eating fried chitlings without teeth."

---Georgia's Health

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KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK
Blakely Cecil Hall, Supt.

The Group Camp at Kolomoki was the meeting place of the Kolomoki Society on October 27 and 28. This is a newly formed organization of amateur archaeologists from several southeastern states. The purpose of the meeting was to study and exhibit Indian artifacts and relics.

They started to arrive Saturday morning and by noon they had most of the displays set up. Saturday was "Swap and Brag" Day. On Sunday the public was invited to view the collection. This was probably one of the largest and most interesting displays of Indian artifacts ever to be seen in one place.

We were glad to have a meeting that coincided so well with the archaeological area of this park. They plan to meet back here next year.

On Monday, November 5, we were privileged to have Senator Herman Talmadge visit our park. A luncheon was held in his honor in the dining room of the Group Camp. Senator Talmadge and several men of the Extension Service are making a tour of southwest Georgia to view the cattle farming.

Things were getting pretty quiet around here and these two events put enough life into us to carry us through the winter, I hope!

We have a duck with a lame leg that left his flock and stopped on our lake. I have been feeding the duck and I hope I can induce it to spend the winter here. It is not native to this part of the country. I hope this has given you the thought that you will be treated kindly, too, if you come to see us.

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LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

McRae Lee Willcox, Supt.

We enjoyed being with all of you park folks. Sorry we had to leave before it was over.

We went right to work on the tables and have some looking pretty good. I don't believe ours were in as bad shape as some. We are getting sand under the picnic sheds so we can pour the concrete. We have also painted the storage building since we returned.

A few trailer campers are coming in--mostly old people going to Florida for the winter.

Blanche and my daughter, Ruth, visited in the General Office last week and were very much impressed. Mr. Struble took them on the tour and they appreciated it very much. Barbara was sick, so they missed seeing her. Hope she is back and feeling okay. Also hope all of you have a fine Thanksgiving.

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UNICOI STATE PARK

Helen Lat Vandiver, Supt.

During the past two week-ends, the park has been overflowing with people. Some of them had driven as much as two hundred miles to see the mountains in their autumn splendor. I think they were more beautiful than I have ever seen them before.

Last Sunday we were honored to have the Park Director and two Superintendents from the State of Alabama visit Unicoi. They were very much impressed with the natural beauty, buildings, and facilities here.

We have been busy lately working on roads, filling holes, and making ditches with the new tractor. We winterized the Group Camp, concession building, and trucks.

Cottages have been full for the last four week-ends but will begin to slow up now.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK

Waycross C. H. Morgan, Supt.

At this moment of writing, the wind is whistling a lonesome tune through the tops of these South Georgia pine trees. A lizzard is observing from the window ledge; occasionally, he does a few push-ups and then flattens his stomach against the wood and goes to sleep. That's what I feel like doing. Whistling pines and lazy push-up lizzards affect me this way.

Had a camping couple from California last week and they were boasting of having two sons in the Air Force, both full Colonels, and two sons in the Air Force, both Majors. You guessed it--two sets of twins!

Was answering a letter from the Waycross Girl Scouts recently and had to look up their address in the telephone directory. It read: Girl Scouts of Waycross, Inc., YMCA Building. (!!)

This week, the Georgia Forestry Commission and a number of University of Georgia Forestry students and their friends, enjoyed a fish fry at this park. Approximately 150 attended.

We are planting grass around the swimming pool. This is a beautiful pool and will certainly be an asset to the park. Almost all of the visitors rave about this facility and we believe it will mean more receipts for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Steedley went fishing in Laura Walker Lake last week. Mrs. Steedley caught two 3-pound bass; Mr. Steedley caught one weighing in at 1/2 pound. He lost

his rod and reel in the excitement.

Harry King, our grass cutter deluxe, says that this is the largest 160-acre area he has ever worked--that is, it takes the longest time to cut. Harry goes to the hospital Dec. 1. We will miss him.

Avant Strickland, our utility man, has just finished replacing two oil seals in the aerator at the sewage disposal plant. Shades of McGarity! --"Watch that plant closely."

My wife and I plan to visit the Andersons at Crooked River in the near future. We've got to welcome them into South Georgia and its enchanting exposures.

This 1045 product - house paint, cottage brown - has a sheen that is second to none. It really blends into the myriad colors of fall foliage.

Come see us when in this vicinity unless we have a fall-out alert. In that case, we have no room.

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NEWS ITEM

Installation of the new sewerage system at Vogel State Park has been completed, and the park has been re-opened to the public.

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In these times of Days and Weeks named for just about everything, it does seem that the originators of Indigestion Week could have had more foresight than to pick the same week which includes Thanksgiving Day! Then again.....

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The pioneers who blazed the trails now have descendants who burn up the roads.

On November 1, Mr. William Roy Anderson assumed the duties of Superintendent of Crooked River State Park. Mr. Anderson replaces Mr. M. K. DeLoach who is retiring from the Department.

On November 15, Mr. Gerald H. Evans of Cordele, Georgia, assumed the duties of Park Superintendent at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park. Mr. Evans replaces Mr. George Greene who has resigned from the Department.

The new superintendent of Georgia Veterans Park is a 1953 graduate of East Crisp High School. Termed an outstanding Crisp FFA member, he was awarded the American Farmer's Degree (Chapter's highest Award) back in 1956. Mr. Evans is married and has one child.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Miss Laura Lee Crawford
A. H. Stephens Museum

Mr. Tom Winkler, Supt.
Fort Mountain State Park

Both have received a Faithful Service Award Certificate for ten years' service to the State of Georgia. We hope they will be with us for many more years to come.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEPARTMENT

November 3 - Cecil Hall (Kolomoki)
Mabel Wilkins (General Office)
" 13 - Wm. L. Carbine (G.O.)
" 26 - Roena Moye (G.O.)

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Middle age is that time of life when after one night out you need two nights in.

---Farmer's Almanac

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OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

Gentlemen:

This month we pulled a small vacation trailer to North Carolina. In the late afternoon of the first day's travel, we found ourselves near Hard Labor Creek State Park, and we drove there to spend the night.

I would like you to know how much we enjoyed our stay there and appreciated the excellent facilities offered. We thought it exceptional that a camp offered hot water, showers, and even provided washing facilities.

We planned then to spend one more night there on our return trip and were sorry we were unable to stay longer.

The camp, rest rooms, showers and all other facilities we had occasion to use were immaculately clean and we were very much impressed to find wood already cut and stacked at every camp site.

Please accept our "thank you" for a most pleasant experience.

(Miss) Margaret M. Russ
Jacksonville, Florida

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Gentlemen:

I would like to offer a letter of commendation in behalf of Mr. J. M. Crawford, Superintendent at Cloudland Canyon State Park.

Last week-end, with the large crowd of visitors for the Plum Nelly Art Show present, Mr. Crawford outdid himself to accommodate the people. As you know, his pump was broken and no running water was available in the park. However, Mr. Crawford literally

wore himself out carrying water to the campers in the park. This act was greatly appreciated by the people there.

Campers from Alabama, Georgia, California, the Carolinas and other neighboring states were impressed by the sincere devotion of this man to his job and to their comfort. Even with this large crowd, the park was kept spotless and the restrooms were attended to regularly.

Please accept the sincere thanks from my family and friends for your hospitality. We will be returning again and again to see the park.

Kenneth R. Crotty
Birmingham, Alabama

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Dear Mr. Carter:

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and the use of the fine facilities of Hard Labor Creek for our 1962 Westinghouse Employee Picnic.

Again, it was a real pleasure for us to have the use of the park which undoubtedly contributed much to the fine success of the picnic.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our Picnic Program. Also thought you would like to know that 625 people attended.

It's always a pleasure working with you on events at Hard Labor Creek Park. Hope you can come to Athens some day for a plant tour--we'd like to have you.

J. M. Davis
Westinghouse Elec. Corp.
Athens, Georgia

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GOING TO THE DOGS

My granddad, viewing earth's worn
cogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad, in his house of logs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad, in the Flemish bogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad, in his old skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
There's one thing that I have to
state--
The dogs have had a good long wait.

---Unknown

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TRUE 100 YEARS AGO -
STILL TRUE TODAY

You cannot bring about prosperity
by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by
weakening the strong.

You cannot help the wage earner
by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot further the brother-
hood of man by encouraging class
hatred.

You cannot help the poor by
destroying the rich.

You cannot establish sound
security on borrowed money.

You cannot keep out of trouble
by spending more than you earn.

You cannot build character and
courage by taking away man's
initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently
by doing for them what they would
and should do for themselves.

---Abraham Lincoln

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BULLETIN BOARDS

We have found here that mimeo-
graphed material, sent out from
the General Office to be mounted
on our new bulletin boards, will
stay on better, look neater, and
last longer if sprayed with a
clear enamel. This clear enamel
can be purchased at most paint
stores in the small spray cans.
We have also found that this
material will stay on better if a
small patch of scotch tape is put
on where each fastener is pushed
through.

To fasten this material on the
board, we are using a No. 3 Round
Head Brass Split Fastener. These
fasteners can be purchased from
most book, school or art supply
stores.

We are using 9" x 12" white
construction paper and a felt tip
ink marker to make up additional
information signs, rules, regula-
tions, etc., needed on our bulle-
tin boards. We are also spraying
these with the clear enamel.

Signs made up this way will
look neat and last an entire
season. The construction paper
and felt marker can be bought at
most drug and school supply
stores.

---T. D. Carter, Supt.
Hard Labor Creek State Park

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TAX

In seventeen hundred and seventy-
six

A group of American mavericks
Renounced a yoke of tyranny -
The tax on stamps, the tax on tea.
Our fathers felt that we were fit
To tax ourselves and you'll admit
We have been very good at it.

---Howard Dietz

This form is for your safety and in the event you have an accident, become lost or unable to return from your trip. It is designed to be placed in the window of your vehicle, face out, to be deposited with your Yacht Club, Marina, Hunting Club, Hotel, Motel or other depository. The information above will assist searchers in the event you fail to return from your trip. DO NOT FAIL TO CANCEL YOUR SAFE-ARRIVAL PLAN. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE AN UNWARRANTED SEARCH.

Fold Forward -- Place Under Rolled Up Window Glass of Automobile Face Out

A few minutes now may save you hours -- possibly your life.

SAFE-ARRIVAL PLAN

BOATING - HUNTING - FISHING PLAN

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In the event I have not returned to my vehicle or have not cancelled my SAFE-ARRIVAL PLAN within _____ hours and/or minutes of my planned returning time, please report my absence to _____ (Local Police, Sheriff, State Police, Coast Guard or other civil authority).

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Persons on trip _____ Engine Horsepower _____ Inbound - Outboard - Lights.

Length of Boat _____ ft. Color of Boat _____ Flotation Equipped _____

Gals. Gasoline _____ Fire Extinguisher _____ Number Life Preservers _____

Compass _____ Flashlight _____ Flares _____ Whistle _____ (Yes-No)

Rope & Anchor _____ Drinking Water _____ Mouth to Mouth Resuscitator _____

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(Mirror, Smoke Flare, etc.)

Gun, Type _____ Ammunition, No. Rounds _____

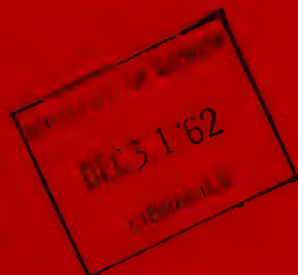
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Patricia Mongeau

May you have
a Merry Christmas,
and a very
bright New Year...
And may each day
bring happiness
To fill your
heart with cheer.

May all your days
be sunny and
May all your skies
be blue,
May you enjoy the
best of health,
And may your
dreams come true.

Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year...
May the future
hold in store
The best of
everything in life,
For now
and evermore.

Charles A. Collier
Director

Barbara Rankin
Editor

As we approach the end of another year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the employees for the splendid cooperation given to me and to the Department.

I wish also to extend to each of you and to your families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

CHARLES A. COLLIER
Director

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GENERAL OFFICE WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Lou Adams	Charles Keasey
Sara Armstrong	Roena Moye
James Arnall	J. B. Naugle
Charlotte Brugmann	Lee Patterson
Clara Cameron	Barbara Rankin
William Carbine	John W. Stokes
Lanier Chambers	Henry Struble
Martha Colvin	David Thomason
Lucille Dennis	S. E. Wagner
Hubert Hunt	John Wilkes
Helen Jacobs	Mabel Wilkins
Grace Youngblood	

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NEW FOUR-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Within the next few weeks you will receive a Four-Year Progress Report from the Department of State Parks. Included in this report will be a breakdown of improvements in each park, individually. There will also be sections devoted to Organization and Administration, Historical Areas, Progress in Public Relations, and a Policy Statement concerning Georgia's future as a high-ranking State Park System in our nation.

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Repartee is what you think of after you have become a departee.

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CHRISTMAS

What is Christmas to you?

To the materialist, an opportunity to make another dollar . . . or acquire another thing . . .

To the epicurean, an opportunity to eat and drink . . . with the delusion that eating and drinking equate merriment . . .

To the humanitarian, an opportunity to appeal for a mass doing of 'good turns' . . .

To the gregarian, an opportunity to go from office party to civic party to neighborhood party . .

To too many among us, an opportunity to imbibe in too much alcohol under the guise of holiday conviviality . . .

To the unbeliever, a commemoration of an event which never occurred . . .

To the pagan, nothing . . .

To the Christian, an opportunity to worship and adore the Christ whose birth we recall . . . an opportunity to be transformed by the renewing of one's spirit at the hands of His Holy Spirit . . . an opportunity to be used of Him to communicate His love to all people everywhere . . .

What is Christmas to you? May it be all that a loving Heavenly Father means for it to be.

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GEORGIA PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Georgia Flag and to the principles for which it stands, Wisdom, Justice and Moderation.

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STATE PARK NEWS

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Kingsland W. R. Anderson, Supt.

Troop No. 174, Boy Scout Explorers from Jacksonville, Fla., spent the week end of November 24 with us at Crooked River. There were approximately 150 in the group.

Several church groups and Sunday School groups came out for picnics during November.

Fishing was good before the storm came, which hung around for a week. Now that the weather is better, the people are trying their luck again.

We are painting the cottages and doing repairs where needed, getting ready for what we hope will be a good season in '63.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Laura S. Walker State Park visited us one evening. We were very happy to have them and hope they will come again soon.

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A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get ahead.

---C. F. Kettering

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

We are still having quite a few visitors at our park, especially on week ends. This is due to the beautiful fall weather. Many people have been riding through to view the pretty many-colored leaves and scenery. We have had several school groups to see the old Fort (History classes) that have picnicked in our picnic

area. Since it began raining, the leaves are falling fast and we hope to start raking them off the lawns as soon as the weather permits.

We are now in the process of tearing down the old building on the lake right-of-way. The timber is being cleared out of the lake basin. Everyone is happy to see this work beginning because, eventually, we will have a park.

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VICTORIA BRYANT STATE PARK

Royston F. H. Hill, Supt.

This park was closed the first week in November due to the road work. Since then, not many people have been out because of the cold weather.

We are cleaning up and getting the park in order for next spring. One shelter has been stained and all the wooden tables have been refinished. Ten new concrete tables have been received.

The shoulders along one mile of road are being prepared for sowing of grass.

Beginning December 8, mail deliveries will be made at the park. My address will be:

Victoria Bryant State Park
RFD #1, Box 270
Royston, Georgia

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PLEASANT THOUGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS

When you receive a bill the first of the month, you should look at it as a compliment. It is a token that somebody believed in your integrity, and gave you credit.

---The Right Hand

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In January we expect to open the Elijah Clark Memorial Museum at Elijah Clark State Park in Lincolnton. We thought it would be very helpful if we summarized exactly who Elijah Clark was, so that in visiting the new museum you would find it more interesting and also be able to answer questions which might arise from tourists.

General Elijah Clark was one of the brave pioneers who helped establish settlements in the wild areas of Georgia even before it became a state. He came to Wilkes County from the mountains of Carolina in a covered wagon. He and a few other settlers cleared the wilds of northeast Georgia of Indians, Tories, and the British. Throughout the Revolutionary War, Elijah Clark helped organize the soldiers and direct many of the skirmishes in battles that took place in establishing our independence.

The Elijah Clark Museum will be not only a memorial to Elijah Clark but also to this period in history and to the many other patriots who took part in the American Revolution.

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DID YOU KNOW??

The grave of Henry (Lighthorse Harry) Lee, the Revolutionary War hero and father of General Robert E. Lee, is located at Cumberland Island, near Brunswick. He died there while en route from the West Indies to Virginia.

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It is impossible to fold a piece of paper in half more than nine times. (Try it!)

---Bear Facts

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The story of Santa begins some 1600 years ago and extends from Asia Minor to the North Pole, by way of New York's 23rd Street.

In the fourth century, there lived a Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in the city of Lycia. The good Bishop was renowned for his gifts to the poor.

His fame spread, and it became a European custom for the kindly saint to "visit" families on December 5, St. Nicholas Eve, rewarding good children with gifts. When the Dutch settled in Manhattan they brought the custom with them. Gradually St. Nicholas' visit became associated with Christmas Eve. His name, too, underwent changes. From the old Dutch "Sinter Klaas" it was transformed to Santa Claus.

In 1822, Clement Moore, an American theologian, wrote a Christmas poem to amuse his children, called "A Visit From St. Nicholas." We know it better by its first line: "Twas the night before Christmas . . ."

The poem was soon a national favorite, and our modern Santa - portrayed as the jolly, rotund figure Moore had known from the Dutch folklore of his youth - was almost complete. Only two elements were missing: Santa's red suit and his home at the North Pole. These were supplied later by the noted artist, Thomas Nast, who began drawing Santa for Harper's Illustrated Weekly in 1862. Nast continued to refine the jolly elf until he became the figure we know so well today.

---Sanco Topics

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There have been a number of reports of the presence of the "Haitian" in the United States, and it is not known whether the "Haitian" is a real person or a fictitious character. The "Haitian" is said to be a man of African descent, and is reported to have been seen in various parts of the United States, including New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The "Haitian" is said to be a man of great strength and endurance, and is reported to have been seen in various parts of the United States, including New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The "Haitian" is said to be a man of great strength and endurance, and is reported to have been seen in various parts of the United States, including New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

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NOTICE TO GROUP CAMP SUPERINTENDENTS

All Superintendents who are in charge of Group Camps should remember that, between January 1 and February 1, Group Camp reservations must be confirmed with a deposit.

Be sure that you send applications to be filled out in full by all agencies who now have tentative reservations on file for your Group Camp. Remember, also, to send a copy of each reservation to the General Office as soon as it is confirmed.

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NEWS NOTE - - -

Beginning the first of the year, all Museum Curators, including the ladies, will be furnished uniforms so that they may be distinguished as representatives of the State Parks Department by the general public.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Sirmans of Stephen Collins Foster State Park. Their fifth child, named Jacqueline Gilley Sirmans, was born on November 21, 1962.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

December 8 - Mrs. Lucille Dennis
General Office

December 17 - Mr. T. Dodson Carter
Superintendent,
Hard Labor Creek
State Park

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The older a man gets, the further he had to walk to school as a boy.

---Snap Shots
Georgia Power Co.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states, a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom and equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country, to love it, to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

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A REMINDER TO ALL SUPERINTENDENTS

Attendance Reports are due on the 10th of each month.

Please fill in your report form as fully as possible, according to your park's facilities. If there is any question regarding the different categories, please let us know now.

It would be a good habit to follow, as do a few of the superintendents already, to attach the "What's New?" information to your Attendance Report each month. This would get them both to the General Office on time and eliminate an additional mailing.

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Ideals are like stars: you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your destiny.

---Carl Schurz

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INTERESTING READING

To those of you who receive our State Park Views and who also use our State Park facilities for camping each year, I would like to call your attention to the December issue of American Camping Association's CAMPING MAGAZINE. This is a special issue featuring the main talks which were given at the General Sessions of the National Conference. You will find these articles most interesting and beneficial in planning next year's program.

The following titles give a hint as to the depth of these articles:

Camping, The Child's World

Potentiality of the Child's
Camping Experience

Ways Children Learn

The Child's Introduction to
Camping

The Child in the Group

Needs and Interests of 6 to 8
Year Olds

What Makes a Teen-ager Tick?

The Unloved Child at Camp

We hope that you will take the time to read this most interesting publication for we feel it will add a great deal to the types of programs we are preparing to meet the campers' needs in the 1963 season.

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FOR HEALTH'S SAKE -
KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND

Whether he strolls, saunters, promenades or jogs along--for exercise, meditation, or to explore the world around him--the man who walks finds it a rewarding pleasure. The trouble with most Americans, however, is that walking is becoming a forgotten sport and a lost art.

Walking is good for the mind as well as the body. Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, recommended early morning walks as a cure for emotional disturbances. Heart specialist Paul Dudley White says that walking improves muscle tone in the arms and legs, improves circulation and is an excellent antidote for nervous stress and strain.

The experts agree that, for best results, walking should be made a habit in the sense that it provides regular exercise, but that the best kind of walking is that which is done for no special purpose. So let your feet take you where they will and you'll find tensions and cobwebs swept from your mind and a new and refreshing feeling of physical fitness.

---The Right Hand

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If a Medal of Merit were awarded our Superintendents for services over and beyond the call of duty, Dr. W. H. Anthony of Atlanta is of the opinion that Mr. J. M. Crawford Superintendent of Cloudland Canyon State Park, deserves it this month.

Dr. Anthony stated he wanted everyone connected with the State Parks Department to know how very appreciative he was of the services rendered by Mr. Crawford.

Thank you, Dr. Anthony; and thank you, Mr. Crawford, for giving the public such a fine picture of State Park personnel.

We would like to add, also, our thanks to our other Superintendents of whom we are so proud. Many, many letters of commendation have been received over these many months and we congratulate them for having gone "the extra mile" so willingly and cheerfully, to the credit of the whole State Parks Department.



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